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SERIOUS FOOCHOW OUTBREAK.

Taxgatherer's Escort Murders Shopkeeper.

POPULACE ROUSED TO ANGER.

Mob Razes Tax Collector's House to Ground.

ROWDIES AGAIN START ANTI-FOREIGN AGITATION.

Boycott of Japanese Goods and Servants' Strike Threatened.

Serious trouble is reported to-day from Foochow where the restiveness of the populace against inefficient Government has been brought into open revolt by the murder of a shopkeeper at the hands of a taxgatherer's escort.

The shopkeepers as a protest have closed their doors until restitution has been made and guarantees are forthcoming. A mob destroyed the house of the chief tax collector.

Mischief-makers have seized the opportunity to start anti-foreign agitation again and a Japanese boycott and strike of foreigners' servants is threatened. The Nanking Government has sent a special delegate to settle the trouble.

SUDDEN CRISIS.

Nanking Sending a Special
Delegate.

Foochow, June 20.

A climax to a month of ineffectual government has been reached with the murder of a shopkeeper by the escort of a Government tax collector when the official in question was attempting to enforce the shop sign tax which has aroused considerable feeling among the Chinese business community.

The whole of the shopkeepers agreed as a protest, not to open their doors until restitution had been made—and an undertaking given in regard to future taxes and their method of collection. Their threat was put into execution and all shops remain closed.

Concerted Attack.

The shopkeepers have with them the majority of the populace and an infuriated mob, after the news of the murder had leaked out, made a concerted attack on the house of the Chief Tax collector and razed it to the ground.

The crisis is so grave that Nanking has sent Chang Chun as a delegate to attempt a solution of the deadlock.

Owing to the work of agitators and the apathy (if not the connivance of the Government) there is some anti-foreignism evident and political demonstrations organised on a large scale by opposing parties are ostensibly anti-imperialist.

A Japanese boycott and a strike of foreigners' servants is threatened.—British Naval Wireless.

LATEST INTRIGUES.

Meeting Between Feng and
Chiang.

Shanghai, June 20.

Feng Yu-hsiang arrived at Chuchow (?) on June 19 and was welcomed by Generals Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Tih-pai and Li Chung-yuan at the railway station.

Feng declared that he was willing to co-operate with the Nationalists in order to attack the Northern forces.

On the other hand, however, it is stated in some circles that Feng desires to form an alliance between the Hankow and Nanking parties to settle with the Communists.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

Chang Also Busy.

Peking, June 20.
It is reported that Marshal Chang Tso-lin sent a delegate to General Yin Shek-shan asking for his co-operation which, if granted, will result in Yin securing high office under Chang.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

HANKOW'S SAFETY.

A Drive Against General
Yang Sen.

Hankow, June 20.

The movements of troops upriver (which continued to-day) may be taken to indicate the determination of the Hankow party to follow up the check they gave to General Yang Sen, and drive him from Ichang.—British Naval Wireless.

British Oil Stocks.

Ichang, June 20.
Yang Sen has ordered the evacuation of all private houses which he intends taking over for military purposes.

The evacuation of remaining oil stocks by British firms continues

and has not been interfered with.—British Naval Wireless.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS.

Questions in the House of
Commons.

London, June 20.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Labour) drew attention to Chinese complaining that girls of fifteen had been introduced into brothels for soldiers in the international area of Shanghai.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Consul-General at Shanghai had telegraphed that as far as he and the Municipal police had been able to ascertain the report was baseless—(cheers)—and licences for brothels had been withdrawn on December 31, 1924, by the Municipality.

Aeroplane Protest.

Replying to Mr. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour), Mr. Locker Lampson said he had seen press reports that the Nanking foreign affairs representative had protested against British aeroplanes flying over strategic points and that the Chinese had been instructed to fire on such aircraft, but he was without official information and it was not proposed to modify the instructions of the naval command.—Reuter.

TIENSIN'S DEFENCE.

Planes Not To Be Sent At
Present.

London, June 20.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, said that the despatch of air units to Tientsin was not contemplated at present.—Reuter.

PEKING CABINET.

Mandate Announces Latest
Appointments.

Peking, June 20.

A mandate this evening appoints Wang Ying-tai Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shen Jiu-lin Minister of Interior, General Ho Feng-lin Minister of Military Affairs, Yen Tze-pu Minister of Finance, Yao Jen Minister of Justice, General Chang Ching-huai Minister of Industry, Liu Shang-hsin Minister of Agriculture and Labour, Liu Chen, Minister of Education, Pan Fu Minister of Communications as well as Premier, and Hsia Jen-hu Chief Secretary of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

TANKS AND TRUCKS.

More Manila Equipment For
China.

Manila, June 16.

The small caretaking detachment of marines now at Olongapo will leave for Shanghai on Saturday or Sunday, on the navy transport "Henderson". The "Henderson" arrived at Cavite last night from Taku, China, where it has been serving as a supply vessel for the marines at Tientsin. There are approximately 150 marines in the detachment at the Subic Bay navy yards, scheduled to make the trip.

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HOUSE OF LORDS.

Proposals for Electing
Members.

GIVING LABOUR A VOICE.

London, June 20.

The House of Lords opened a 3-day debate on the question of "reforming" the House of Lords.

Lord Fitzmaurice, moving a resolution welcoming a reasonable measure limiting and defining membership of the House of Lords said that at present any Government with a majority lasting two years could under the Parliament Act legally without consulting the people abolish the monarchy or the House of Lords, and it was probable that the Socialists would establish a single chamber Government.

The Lord Chancellor (Viscount Cave), on behalf of the Government, agreed that the speaker's

MANILA STRIKE.

Motor Truck Men Join The
Stevedores.

Manila, June 20.

Two hundred motor truck men have joined the stevedore strike. Several vessels have been delayed.—Reuter.

uncontrolled power to prevent a money Bill being rejected or amended by the House of Lords was indefensible.

The Government thought that the question whether a money Bill should come within the meaning of the Act should be determined by a joint standing committee of both Houses.

Referring to the inadequate representation of Labour in the House of Lords, Viscount Cave said the Sovereign should be authorised to add a limited number of nominated members on the advice of the Government of the day for twelve years, one third retiring every fourth year.

Protecting the Constitution.

The Lord Chancellor said that the hereditary principle would be preserved, but the membership would be reduced by the hereditary peers selecting a fixed number entitled to sit for twelve years, one third retiring every fourth year and being eligible for re-election.

The House would be limited to 350 members. A peer not elected to the House of Lords should be eligible for the House of Commons in order to meet the possibility of a Government introducing single chamber Government.

The Cabinet suggested that the provisions of the Parliament Act whereby Bills could be passed without the assent of the House of Lords during the course of a single Parliament should not apply to any bill altering the Constitution or altering the powers of the House of Lords laid down in the Parliament Act.

The Lord Chancellor said the Government would support Lord Fitzmaurice's resolution.

There is no indication when the Government will produce a Bill. The programme before the general election in November of 1929 is very full but a substantial body of conservatives favour the pressing of reform before then.

The debate was adjourned until Wednesday.—Reuter.

CANTON INCIDENT.

STEAMBOAT CO'S VESSEL
PICKETED.

The Steamboat Company's s.s. "Fatshan" was picketed this morning at Canton. This action was the outcome of the paying-off of the "Leungshan's" crew in Hong Kong on Saturday.

The "Leungshan's" crew went to Canton and induced the Union to take action against the sister ship. As a result of the picketing, the "Leungshan" arrived in Hong Kong this afternoon with hardly any Chinese passengers.

Further details were not available when this edition went to press.

HONOLULU CONFERENCE.

MAJOR TURNER APPOINTED
A DELEGATE.

Shanghai, June 21.

Major William Turner, of Reuter's, has been appointed an additional British delegate to the Pacific relations conference at Honolulu.—Reuter.

LIMITING NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

Important Geneva Conference Opens.

THREE POWERS SUBMIT PROPOSALS.

Suggestion to Abolish the Submarine.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS BEFORE GREAT BRITAIN.

Vital Necessity of Safeguarding The Empire's Great Seaways.

Sweeping proposals for limiting naval armaments have been made by three great naval Powers—the United States, Japan and the British Empire—at a very important conference which opened at Geneva yesterday.

One of the most interesting suggestions put forward was a promise by the United States to assent to a plan for abolishing the submarine, though it was pointed out that to be effective any such step must be general.

Emphasis was laid on the special problems confronting the British Empire, for whom naval disarmament is more difficult than for any other country, owing to the vital necessity of preserving the freedom of the seas.

PROPOSALS IN DETAIL.

Three Angles For Tackling The
Problem.

Geneva, June 20.

The tripartite naval armaments limitation conference opened with Mr. Hugh Gibson (the United States) being appointed President.

Each Power submitted proposals as a basis for discussion.

The American proposal was as follows:—

Cruisers.—The United States and the British Empire each 250,000 tons to 300,000 tons. Japan 150,000 tons to 180,000 tons.

Destroyers.—The United States and the British Empire each

thereof required by each of the three countries to be subject to discussion; limits future light-cruisers to 7,500 tons and 6 inch guns after the number of 10,000 ton cruisers has been decided;

limits destroyer leaders to 1,750 tons and destroyers to 1,400 tons and the armament of destroyers to 5 inch guns; and limits the larger submarines to 1,600 tons and the smaller submarines to 600 tons each and their armament to five inch guns.—Reuter.

THREE VITAL POINTS.

Special Problems Before
Britain.

Geneva, June 20.

The British proposals fix the life of the 8 inch cruisers at 24 years, destroyers at 20 years and submarines at 15 years.

Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the British Admiralty, in thanking President Coolidge for the invitation to the Conference, mentioned that the Admiralty proposals were actually in Mr. Baldwin's hands before the invitation was received.

Mr. Bridgeman regretted that France and Italy were absent. The time was ripe for an extension of the Washington principle of limitation.

He thought the conference would be successful if each country frankly stated what naval force it wanted and why it was based on purely defensive considerations.

The Freedom of the Seas.

Mr. Bridgeman defined the British Empire's position according to the following factors:—

- (1) The insular position of England, dependent for raw materials, food and her very existence on the free passage of the seas, which rendered discussion of naval disarmament more difficult for her than any other country.
- (2) The length of her trade routes.
- (3) The extensive coastline of the Empire and the long lines of communications to be protected.

Mr. Bridgeman emphasised that he spoke with the consent of the Dominion delegates, and whatever treaty might result from the conference should be made in the names of the heads of the states, the participation of the several parts of the Empire being shown by appropriate geographical entries in the list of plenipotentiaries.

The object of the British delegates was economy, but he made a reservation, namely owing to the position of Britain in relation to Europe, it was necessary to guard against any increase of naval strength by non-signatories.

Any agreement relations to the United States, Japan and the British Empire, therefore, should contain a provision for reconsideration should it be needed, but he hoped the European Powers would adhere to the agreement.—Reuter.

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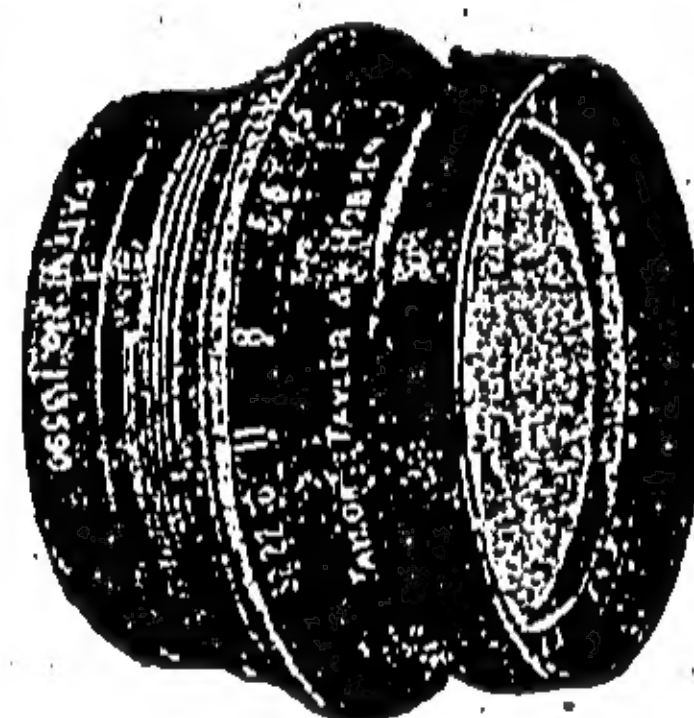
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"There are more crude asinine plays, more slapdash crook melodramas, and more real comedies, tragedies, and first-class all-round dramas being put on in American theatres than in any other country," said Miss Mary Borden, the novelist, lecturing on "Modern American Literature" in the rooms of the English-speaking Union.

One American play, "Broadway," now being played on the London stage, she said, could not be said to have been written. It was said to be the work of a man employed in a show on Broadway who had never written a play before. He put down very badly the talk going on all round him, and the play was rejected by every New York manager. When the present producer saw it he realised that here was a real thing. He found on Broadway a young man who was living the story, and gave him his own part to play. "Night after night," she added, "he goes on, half-knowing and half-forgetting that he is playing the story of his own life."

In the forefront of contemporary American novelists, said Miss Borden, she put Theodore Dreiser, Sinclair Lewis, Sherwood Anderson, and Edgar Lee Masters, while she regarded Eugene O'Neill as one of their greatest modern dramatists and Charles Weaver as a promising young poet in the American vernacular. American novelists were more vivid and more untrammelled by conventions and self-consciousness than English writers, who seemed to be suffering from the obsession of trying to find something new to write about and some new way of writing it. So we had charming oddities like "Lady Into Fox," and strange stories by Mr. Somerset Maugham about odd corners of the globe. Meanwhile the large drama of everyday life flowed on unobserved and uninterpreted. She had no sympathy with the literary snob who spread the tradition that what is popular cannot be literature. "How do we know that when our bones are dust P. G. Wodehouse may not be accepted as the amusing humorist of the twentieth century, giving more pleasure than Hilaire Belloc or G. B. Shaw? Half the Cabinet Ministers in London, I know, are devoted to Wodehouse's stories, although he is popular."

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on June 1, 1927:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	18' 5" B. Level	
Tytam Byewash	17' 4" B. 2' 9" B.	
Tytam Intermediate Level		
Tytam Tuk	32' 8" B. Do.	
Wong Nei Chung	21' 10" B. 3' 3" B.	
Pokfulum	20' 6" B. 3' 4" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".
A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	246.65	384.80
Tytam Byewash	4.27	18.52
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	744.68	1,419.00
Wong Nei Chung	8.64	20.24
Pokfulum	23.50	58.78

Total 1,223.64 3,103.24

Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and
decimals of gallons during the month of
May:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	264.99	245.70
Estimated population	401,600	411,910
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	21.3	23.1

Constant Supply in all Rider Main
Districts during May 1926 and 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir 5' 11" B. Level		
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 19' 11" B. 20' 4" B.		
Reception Reservoir .. 7' 9" B.		

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	293.69	852.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	32.63	71.50
Reception Reservoir		

Total 326.32 924.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons dur-
ing the month of May.

	1926	1927
Consumption	72.88	87.68
Estimated population	155,200	160,740
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	15.1	17.5

Full Supply in all districts during
May 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports
show that the quality of the water is
satisfactory.

Total rainfall to May 31, 1926,
30.85; May 1927, 41.77.

PIPES OF PEACE.

TOBACCO AND CHARACTER
FORMING.

\$50,000,000 HELP TO REVENUE

The Earl of Birkenhead, who was to have addressed the first session of the Tobacco Trade Congress at Olympia, was detained at the last moment at a meeting of the Cabinet, and his place was taken by the Right Hon. C. A. McCurdy, K.C. The congress, which is being held in connection with the Tobacco Exhibition, also staged at Olympia, is the first of its kind to be held in Great Britain, and over 400 delegates have signified their intention to take part in it.

Mr. Arthur Phillips, of Godfrey Phillips Ltd., explained that the congress had for its primary object the bringing together of all sections of the trade in an endeavour to arrive at a mutual understanding for the free development and improved status of all its members. The endeavour was being made to bring together manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers, on a common ground where they could sympathetically consider each other's point of view. Once that spirit became general it must engender that co-operation which would bring material and lasting benefit to all concerned.

Mr. McCurdy, in declaring the congress open, said he was not sure that the nation did not owe more to tobacco than was generally supposed. When twelve months ago to that very day the country found itself plunged into an industrial convulsion there was not a nation in Europe which did not expect to see it terminate in most serious disorders and possibly in revolutionary changes. He did not think that sufficient allowance was made for the calm and phlegm of British character and for the soothing effect of the great growth in tobacco smoking. If tobacco symbolised one of the great advances in the new world over the old, the development of the tobacco trade in the last few years symbolised for everyone the immense possibilities of trade expansion which lay before the enterprising business community. Reference had been made to the fact that the tobacco trade contributed over \$50,000,000 annually to the relief of the British taxpayer, or rather collected by an almost painless process that enormous contribution to the national revenue. If it had done nothing else it would certainly have merited much from the State, but as a matter of the fact the tobacco trade in the last few weeks had done more for the British taxpayers than that. It had furnished the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a means at one and the same time of increasing revenue without either any added charge to the consumer or any direct drain on the pockets of the taxpayer (laughter). That was a remarkable achievement. It had been made possible by the highly efficient organisation of the great tobacco manufacturers which had enabled them, while increasing the consumption, to lower the costs of production, and in addition to pay modest dividends and even trifling bonuses. But over and beyond the profits which the manufacturers legitimately took, a surplus was left on which the Chancellor of the Exchequer had found an opportunity to draw. He thought that system capable of extension in other industries.

COLOMBIAN DISASTER.

New York, June 20.

The bodies of twenty dead have been taken from the ruins of a textile plant at Rosellon near Medellin, Colombia, which collapsed on Saturday during a landslide.

Over a hundred persons working in the mill were buried in the wreckage but it is reported that a number were removed alive.—Reuter's American Service.

ROYALTY IS VERY DISCREET IN EXPRESSING OPINIONS.

Mary probably would have said nothing about the table decoration competition at the Rose Show if she had known there was any likelihood of her remarks being published (observes an "Evening Saturday" writer). There are multitudes of visitors to flower shows, however, who will be pleased by her comments, for the standards of table decoration competitions usually seem to be about twenty-five years behind the times. Prizes still go to massive arrangements which, if one found them at an actual dinner party, would surprise one as much as a hostess in puff sleeves.

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KAWACHI MARU .. Saturday, 9th July.

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TAKAOKA MARU .. Tuesday, 28th June.
BENGAL MARU .. Wednesday, 27th July.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DELACOA MARU .. Tuesday, 12th July.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
HAKODATE MARU .. Friday, 1st July.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU .. Friday, 22nd July.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TAJIMA MARU .. Thursday, 23rd June.
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—
Klungchow (1645) British from Bangkok.—B. & S.—11 passengers, 1,500 tons rice each
510 tons timber for Hong Kong.
Empress of Russia (8789) British, from Manila.—C.P.R.—770 passengers, 156 tons general cargo for Hong Kong 214 tons general (through).
Cyclops (5774) British, from Manila.—B. & S.—540 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Hanyang (1207) British, from Swatow.—B. & S.—3 passengers, 1,400 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Takliwa (3742) British, from Singapore.—Mackinnon Mackenzie.—1,524, 1,636 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,526 tons general (through).
Kwalsang (1435) British, from Bangkok.—Jardine's.—4 passengers, 2,250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Pyrrhus (4818) British, from Singapore.—B. & S.—18 passengers, 1,047 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,070 tons general (through).
Sunning (1570) British, from Canton.—B. & S.—51 passengers, 405 tons general cargo (through).
Hallor (840) Norwegian, from Bangkok.—Kim Thy Loong.—1 passenger, 2,035 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Norviken (1779) Norwegian, from Hoihow.—Too Nam S.S. Co.—268 passengers, 2,000 tons timber and general cargo.
Maud (1351) Norwegian, from Canton.—Hidaka & Co.
Macassar Maru (2512) Japanese, from Balikpapan.—Nanyo Y. K.—51 passengers, 595 tons, Molasses and 8 tons rattan, 3,700 tons general cargo (through).
Korea Maru (6074) Japanese, from San Francisco, Keelung, N.Y.K.—134 passengers, 1,073

tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Kairyu Maru (1559) Japanese, from Canton.—N.K.K.

Departures.

For Haiphong.—Promise.
For Takao.—Maud.
For Manila.—Pres. Wilson.
For Swatow.—Knut Hammen.
For Kwong Chow Wan.—Wing Wo, Hydrangea, Sunkong.
For Bangkok.—Chung Wo.
For Hoihow.—Kairyu Maru.
For Canton.—Shun Lee.
For Singapore.—Pronto, The-sus.
For Nagasaki.—Honolulu Maru.
For Dalny.—Cyclops.
For Moji.—Morioka Maru.
For Shanghai.—Pres. Taft.
For Pakhoi.—Limchow.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In Port
British	9	4	20
Japanese	3	3	5
Norwegian	3	5	7
Chinese	0	4	15
Dutch	0	0	6
German	0	0	1
French	0	1	2
Panama	0	0	1
American	0	2	0
Portuguese	0	0	3
	15	19	60

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on June 1, arrived at Vancouver on June 19. The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:—
"Sphinx," to-day.
"Paul Lecat," July 5.
"Amazon," July 19.
"Yalou," July 22.
"Chantilly," August 2.
"Athos II," August 16.
"D'Artagnan," September 3.
The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on June 19, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on June 23, at about 6 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday, at 8.30 a.m., left that port in the afternoon at 2, and is due at Hong Kong on June 27.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 10 a.m. on June 22. She is due at Vancouver, B.C., on July 10.

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A FILTHY BOAT.

THIS MORNING'S HARBOUR INQUIRIES.

The master of the motor-boat "Tak Lee" was charged before Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, this morning with having his boat in a filthy condition whilst plying for public hire. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

In the same court the master of a Canton passenger boat was fined \$5 for anchoring within the limits of the Royal Naval anchorage.

The master of a Whangpu trading junk and the masters of two local trading junks were charged with unlawfully tying up alongside ocean going steamers and in each instance were fined \$5, or five days' imprisonment.

SCOTTISH SHIPBUILDING.

Scottish shipbuilders launched during April 25 vessels of 44,187 tons. Of these, 21 of 33,769 tons were built on the Clyde, three of 180 tons on the Forth and one, of 238 tons, at Aberdeen. The Clyde total for four months consists of 47 vessels of 87,501 tons, which is less by five vessels and 32,283 tons than that of the corresponding period last year and by 29 vessels and 149,693 tons than that of the first four months of 1925, which had the highest output on record for the period.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benary" are advised that goods left undelivered after June 24 will be subject to rent. Claims must be presented on or before July 8.

The master of the s.s. "Takliwa," which arrived yesterday from Singapore, reports that one Chinese died during the voyage from measles.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 46 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

June 17 to 23, 1927.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
	Standard Times	Standard Times
June		
Fri. 17	m 9 41 7.7	m 3 13 5.0
Sat. 18	m 9 9 3.8	m 5 28 4.3
Sun. 19	m 10 53 7.7	m 6 16 0.2
Mon. 20	m 11 9 7.5	m 7 8 0.5
Tue. 21	m 12 3 3.9	m 8 3 3.8
Wed. 22	m 1 6 4.5	m 9 2 1.0
Thurs. 23	m 2 33 5.8	m 9 57 1.4
	m 4 53 4.7	m 10 48 1.8

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MANILA MARU .. Thursday, 14th July.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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SHUNGO MARU .. Monday, 4th July.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND

PANAMA MARU .. Thursday, 7th July.

TIENTSIN

KINZAN MARU .. Saturday, 11th July.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU .. Middle of June.

BINGO MARU .. Wednesday, 22nd June.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU .. Monday, 27th June.

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HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU .. Tuesday, 21st June, 10 a.m.

MENADO MARU .. Tuesday, 5th July.

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Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W.L.	W.L.
West River at Shihing	+ 41.0"	0	+ 14.5	falling
North River at Taingyuan	+ 28.7"	0	+ 10.9	rising
North River at Samshui	+ 27.3"	0	+ 8.7	falling
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ALIPONE	5,273	21st July	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	3rd Aug.	Straits & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,006	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAWALPINDI	10,510	20th Aug.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,953	17th Sept.	Marseilles & London

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MARINE INSURANCE.

MEANING OF THE WORD "COLLISION."

THE ACCEPTED DEFINITION.

The meaning of the word "collision" when used in policies of marine insurance, has frequently been the subject of litigation; so much so that it rivals "stranded" as a source of income to those deservingly individuals, the commercial lawyers. It is by no means unlikely that the courts will again be called upon to interpret the exact significance of the word in consequence of a claim under the Running Down Clause at present being considered by underwriters.

A fairly generally accepted definition of the meaning of "collision" is that the word implies forcible contact with another ship or vessel, forcible impact being an essential feature. The main question at issue in the claim under consideration is whether this definition is really accurate, and as a number of underwriters have accepted liability without raising any query, it would appear that the market is divided on the subject of the necessity for forcible contact, some underwriters being content to accept liability as long as contact—however slight and whether of itself resulting in damage or not—is demonstrated.

Negligent Navigation?

In the case now under review a tug towing some barges containing cargo overtook another vessel and, according to the statement of claim, apparently the tug brushed broadside against the other vessel, but neither sustained any damage. The loss was confined to the barges and their cargo and was attributable to "overcrowding" consequent on loss of way owing to insufficient clearing room. It is alleged that there was some negligent navigation both on the part of the overtaking tug and on the part of the other vessel, but the division of negligence is not a point at issue in the dispute. It is affirmed that the damage to the barges and their cargo would have arisen whether the vessels had made contact or not.

A claim has been presented under the Running Down Clause, the material words being "if the ship hereby insured shall come into collision with any other ship or vessel, and the assured shall in consequence thereof become liable to pay.... to any other person or persons any sum or sums in respect of such collision...."

The underwriter who first disputed the claim bases his attitude on two points: (i) that there was no collision (forcible contact); and (ii) that the damage was not a "consequence" of the contact as it would have occurred even had there been no contact.

The point has never been before the courts in this form, and in view of the apparent divergencies of opinion it would not be disadvantageous if a definite ruling were sought and obtained, but the case does certainly again emphasise the difficulties faced by the Technical and Claims Committee in their attempts to frame clauses which shall be absolutely free of latent ambiguity.

AN OVERLADEN SHIP.

That the registered owner's contributed to the loss of the steamship "Eastway" with twenty-three lives off Bermuda six months ago was the finding of a Court of Inquiry at Cardiff. The Ship-dutary Magistrate, delivering judgment on behalf of the Board of Trade, ordered the registered owner, Mr. Watkins James Williams, to pay £1,000 towards the costs of the inquiry, which were estimated to amount of £1,250. The court found that the "Eastway" was overlaid to the extent of 13½ in., and that it was impossible for the master to carry out the instructions given by the registered owner as to the amount of cargo and bunker coal to be shipped without loading the vessel beyond the winter load line. As a consequence the "Eastway" was not in a seaworthy condition to encounter bad weather. The Court declared that it was unable to place any reliance on the owner's testimony, and did not accept the statement that any calculation was made by him as to the amount of bunker coal that would be required before giving instruction as to the quantity of cargo to be shipped. The Court was therefore, driven to the conclusion that the "Eastway" was overlaid when she left Norfolk, Virginia, on her last voyage, with the sanction of the registered owner. Of the "Eastway's" crew of thirty-five only twelve were saved. The victims included the master, Captain Vanstone.

NEW YORK'S PILFERAGE.

Progress is reported by the Committee of Maritime Interests, which has been working on the problem of pilferage in New York Harbour during the past year. After a twelve months' campaign a plan was worked out by which the harbour patrol has been increased by the addition of five fast armed motor-boats, 24 additional patrolmen, and a detective squad for land service for the protection of the waterfront.

Harbour protection has now been put on a similar basis to that used in "safe and loft" squads, and "jewellery district" squads. A central bureau has been created for the interchange of information to aid various port interests in an effort to prevent robberies and to facilitate the recovery of property.

NEW MAIL LINER.

MOTOR SHIP "ALCANTARA" FOR S. AMERICA.

Belfast men are known to form a real affection for the ships they build, and those who for many months have been at work on the new motor liner "Alcantara," of 22,500 tons gross, viewed with mixed feelings her departure for Southampton. She may never return to the port of Belfast, but her performances will be followed with the closest interest by those who helped to fashion her. They believe that she will bring further credit to the famous firm of Harland and Wolff, says a special correspondent of "The Times."

When the "Alcantara" came

alongside the quay at Southampton there was, a short distance away, her cousin motorship—the "Car-narvon Castle," of 20,000 tons. The ships, built by the same firm, and broad of common. The "Car-narvon Castle" is the first great motor ship to take her place in the service between Great Britain and South Africa. The "Alcantara" will join her sister motor ship "Asturias" in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's trade with Brazil and Argentina. There competition from Continental rivals is very keen and is increasing. The two British motor vessels on the South American route will be among the finest and largest in the world.

Internal Comfort.

The ordinary traveller would rather be concerned with the passenger accommodation and the internal beauty of the ship. He would be impressed by the length and breadth of the decks, permitting ample room for games and dancing and much walking or running (eight times round the deck equals a mile), while on the boat deck in the gymnasium he can take exercise in "horse-riding," bicycling, rowing and other forms of vigorous exercise. Descending to one of the lower decks he will find a bathing pool 29ft. long by 17ft. broad. In Northern latitudes in winter the water is warmed, but when the "Alcantara" sails south the cool sea water at normal temperature will be refreshing.

Among the various public rooms of the "Alcantara" the social hall is particularly handsome. The designs of the walls is after the paneling in the Chapter House at Toledo, and is of Cuba mahogany, with the panels veneered in figured plum mahogany. A fireplace is fitted in the centre of each side of the room with a painting above, each after Velasquez. One is a picture of Philip IV, King of Spain, from the Prado, Madrid, and the other is of a Spanish Admiral, from the National Gallery. A stage is built for concerts and other entertainments, and the whole of the floor is of polished oak, parquetry. The lounge, adjoining the social hall, is another handsome room. Above the fireplace is a finely-carved overmantel, in the panel of which is a painting of a scene at Ribeira, Oporto. Another painting at the top of the main forward staircase is of Alcantara Bridge, Toledo.

The Only Relic.

"Alcantara" is an especially appropriate name for the ship, for it is also that of a river between Spain and Portugal and of a small town in Brazil, and with all three countries the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company is largely concerned.

Very many of the new ship's passengers will be especially interested in a small key framed above an inscription in the following words: "Key of the captain's cabin of H.M.S. 'Alcantara,' the present vessel's predecessor, employed as an armed cruiser during the Great War, and attached to the Tenth Cruiser Squadron, which vessel shared the fate of the 'Greif' on February 29, 1916, off the coast of Norway, after a fierce fight."

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DIVIDED OPINIONS.

COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING LINE.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Melbourne, May 12.

Divided opinions are being expressed by Federal members regarding the action of the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce) in deciding that the report of the Parliamentary Accounts Committee upon the finances of the Commonwealth shipping line should not be tabled when Parliament met at Canberra on Monday. Questioned this evening, Mr. Bruce said he had not actually seen the report which had to be presented to Parliament first. It is understood that the report of the majority of the members recommended that the steamers still owned by the Commonwealth should be disposed of in view of the heavy losses suffered by the Government in connection with the line.

Only the Labour members of the Committee, who are in a minority of the Committee, favour the retention of the undertaking. Ministerial supporters contend that in view of the nature of the report it should have been tabled on Monday so that immediate action could be taken. They consider that it was unwise for the Prime Minister to have the matter deferred simply to obviate stormy scenes in Parliament during the visit of the Duke, which might have arisen had the report been tabled and debated. As Parliament will not sit again until September, four months must therefore elapse before any of the report can be placed before members.

The Labour members, on the other hand, are not criticising the action of the Prime Minister as it is their desire that the line should be retained. Any course leading to the postponement of its sale is therefore regarded by them with favour.

JUMP FROM FERRY.

A 19-year-old Chinese girl attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the harbour from the Mongkok ferry launch. She was rescued by the crew and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

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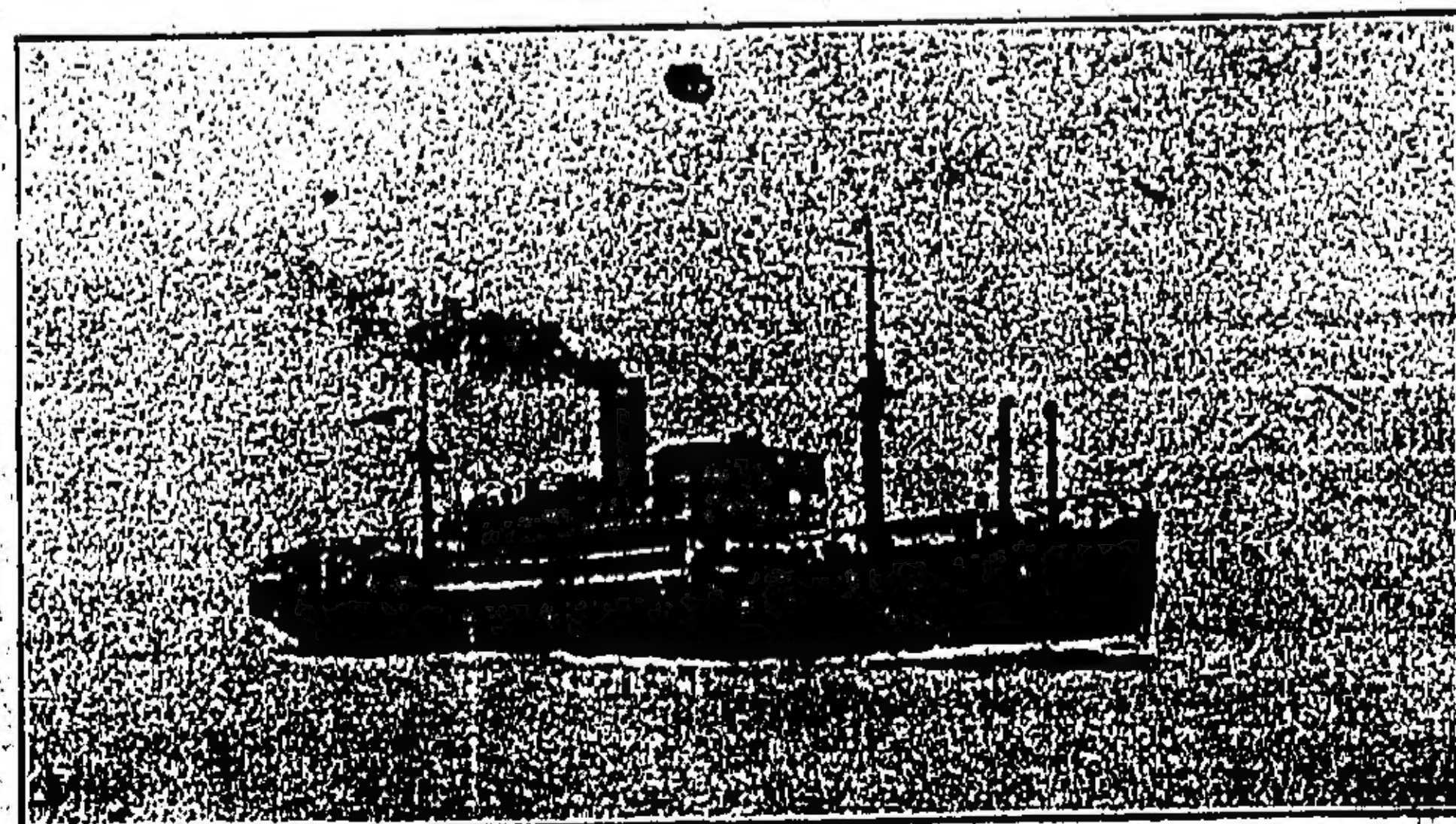
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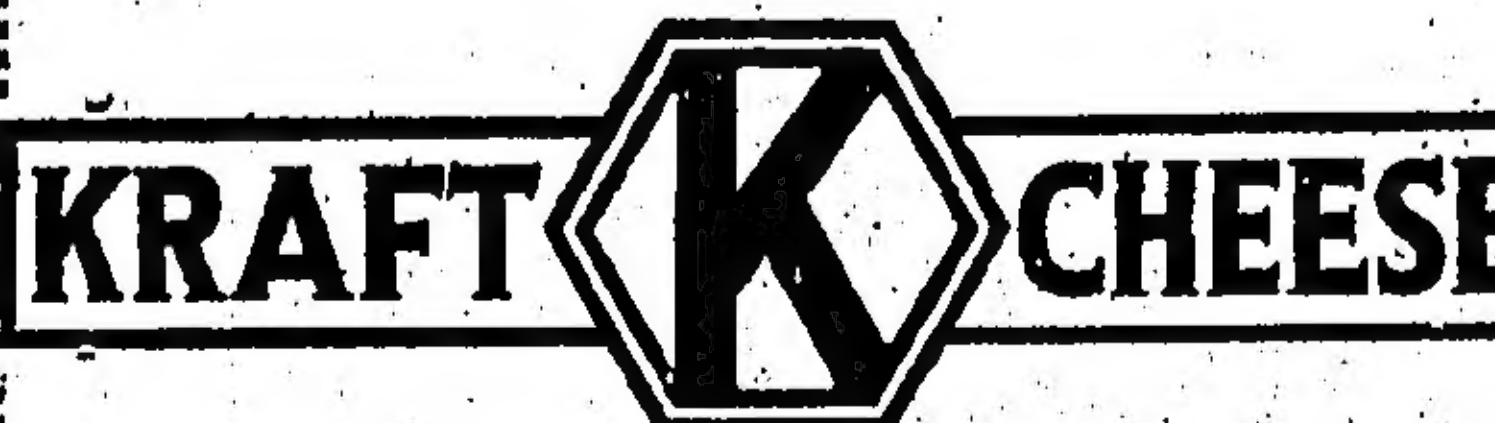
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DEATH.

RIBEIRO.—Mrs. Aurea Theodora Ribeiro (née Medina) passed away at her residence No. 225, Wanchai Road, on June 21, 1927, at 12.55 a.m., aged 27 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 6.15 p.m. to-day. (Macao, Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin papers please copy).

Hong Kong, Tuesday, June 21, 1927.

REFORM OF THE LORDS.

Quite an interesting debate has taken place in the House of Lords on a proposal to leave the composition of that Chamber by the nomination by the Government of a certain number of Labour members and a reduction by selection of the number of Peers. The trend of the debate would indicate that the scheme is inspired by a desire to anticipate the action of any Labour Government in introducing a Single Chamber Government. Conflicts between the Lords and the Commons were acute during the tenure of the various Liberal Ministries, and greater differences must be expected, with a Labour Government in power. It should not be necessary, as happened during the Ramsay MacDonald Administration, to create Labour Peers with the object of giving Labour a voice in the deliberations of the Upper House. And as no one in this age can gain the right of every political Party to be represented in the Legislature the remedy now suggested by the nomination of a certain

number of Labourites to the House of Lords must commend itself to the country as a whole. As long ago as 1295 the development of representation was anticipated by the so-called "Model" Parliament, famous as containing two knights from each shire, two citizens from each city, two burgesses from each borough, and representatives of cathedral and parochial clergy. That, of course, was more akin to classification of the various grades of society rather than actual representation of political Parties such as is now sought under the scheme debated in the House of Lords yesterday. Perhaps the most interesting point in that discussion is to be found in the readiness with which Conservative Peers supported the proposal, which is likewise favoured by the Government itself. Once a Bill is introduced in due course on the lines indicated a hitherto powerful plank would be removed from the Labour platform and a greater sense of co-ordination in legislation would be possible between the two Houses of Parliament.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. L. A. OSMUND & MISS A. M. DA SILVA.

LOCAL BILLIARDS PLAYER.

A pretty wedding took place at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, the parties being Mr. L. A. Osmund, son of the late Mr. J. D. Osmund and Mrs. Osmund; and Miss Alda M. da Silva, daughter of the late Mr. E. E. da Silva and Mrs. Silva.

The bridegroom is well-known locally, particularly for his skill at billiards, which earned him the commendation of the famous player, Stevenson, when the latter paid Hong Kong a visit.

The Rev. Father Spada officiated at the ceremony and the bride, who was given away by her uncle, wore a gown of French tulle trimmed with silver lace.

The bridesmaids, Misses Mercedes Fonseca and Julia Soares, wore pretty dresses of pink georgette trimmed with pink ribbon.

Messrs. Max Remedios and A. J. Osmund attended the bridegroom and Mr. Baptista officiated at the organ.

The happy couple left for Repulse Bay and Macao after a reception at No. 63, Kowloon Tong.

REPRIEVE SOUGHT.

Gibraltar, June 20.
A huge meeting of citizens has appointed a deputation to present to the Governor a petition for the reprieve of Lieutenant Duffield. Up to the present, over 16,500 people have signed the petition.—Reuter.

KOWLOON-CANTON.

British Engines' Through Journeys.

YESTERDAY'S INAUGURATION.

For the first time in the history of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British engines are now being used on the Chinese as well as the British section for the recently resumed express service to Canton.

The change is necessitated by the indifferent state of repair of the Chinese section engines owing to wear and tear which was particularly heavy during the time when there was constant commandeering by warring military factions.

The first express to run under the joint arrangement between the Chinese and British sections officials by which British engines complete the through trip was the 8 a.m. from Kowloon yesterday, the 8.5 a.m. also leaving Canton for Hong Kong with a British engine.

Although the British engines were not designed for express work, it has been possible by increasing the water storage capacity to adapt them for the purpose, and yesterday's runs proved that they are not only able to keep to the three hours and forty-five minute through schedule, but that they possess a reserve which, if thought advisable, could be used for reducing it.

A Regular Service.

The use of the British engines is the only means by which the express service may be reliably resumed, and now that the joint arrangement arrived at has proved practicable, a regular double express service daily will be maintained, leaving Kowloon at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Canton at 8.5 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. with one slow train from both the Chinese and British sections, the first-class fare for the through trip being \$5.

It was a hopeful augury for the success of the resumed service and indicative of the appreciation by the Chinese travelling public of the enhanced reliability assured that by the time the afternoon express was due to leave Canton on the return journey the compartments were well filled.

On the occasion of the inaugural return journey from Hong Kong to Canton yesterday, representatives of the Hong Kong Press, both Chinese and foreign, were the guests of officials of both sections of the Railway, among the hosts leaving Kowloon with the party being Mr. I. D. Trevor, acting Traffic Manager, Mr. C. D. Lambert, Chief Mechanical Engineer, and Mr. E. S. Carter, Engineer of Way and Works. Among the official party meeting the guests on the Chinese section were the new Managing Director of the Chinese section, Mr. Yeh Ka-chuen, Mr. W. M. Stratton, Engineer in Chief of the Chinese section, Mr. Liu, Traffic Manager, Mr. H. B. Harris, Chief European accountant, Messrs. Bander and J. T. Smith, Traffic Inspectors, and Chinese officials including Messrs. Le Kwong-woon, Leung Ing-wai, Ng Sheung-chi and Chow Hin-sum.

Welcome From Canton.

The party was met on arrival at the Canton railway station, at Tai Sha Tau, and conveyed to the city by launch, an excellent meal being served at the Nam Yuen restaurant, Southern Gardens.

Mr. Yeh Ka-chuen, in welcoming the guests, referred to the varied fortunes which had befallen the railway owing to upheavals in the province, and spoke with appreciation of the assistance that had been rendered by the British section. With the co-operation which had now found expression in the granting of use of British engines over the Chinese section, the Railway could face the future with confidence. With a regular service, he thought the Chinese section, which had been run at a loss for some time, could be put on a paying basis, for the demand was there and he was confident that in being able to meet it with a reliable service, their troubles were well on the way to being at an end.

Kowloon Section Reply.
Mr. I. B. Trevor, in reply, thanked Mr. Yeh for the hospitality extended, and particularly on giving up his time to their entertainment on this first day of assumption to the office of Managing Director of the Chinese section. The thanks of the British section of the railway were also due to the officials of the Chinese section, generally for their co-operation in the engine tests and track inspections which had been made previously. Mr. Trevor also referred to the fact that the condition of the

MURDER CHARGE.

CHINESE ACCUSED OF CRIME.

WIFE FOUND STRANGLED.

Evidence was taken for the first time by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which a Chinese living in Castle Peak is charged with the murder of his wife. The case was the sequel to the sensational discovery, reported some time ago, of the murdered woman's body which was dug up from a disused sand pit in the vicinity of her home.

Mr. T. S. White Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, related the surmised details of the affair. Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask appeared for the defence.

According to Mr. White Smith the deceased was the accused's kit fat wife. They were married in the country about 20 years ago. A year after the marriage the accused went to America, where he had been before, leaving his bride behind. He returned about 10 or 11 years ago.

Husband and wife, their three children and a mui tsai went to live in a new house about seven years ago. The couple were apparently quite happy together. Then, a year after, he took a concubine and put up house for her in Chungshawan, Shamsuipo opposite where the Military Camp now stands. Although the two women did not meet often, it was also known that after taking the concubine, accused and his kit fat began to quarrel.

Mui Tsai's Search.

Coming to the circumstances immediately preceding the alleged murder, Mr. White Smith said that people in the village saw the deceased alive on April 6. After the morning meal on April 7, the mui tsai would say that the accused sent her and the two elder children, aged eight and six respectively, to gather fir cones on the hillside. Later the accused and the youngest child joined them, and later still five other villagers came. Soon afterwards there came a rain storm, and the whole party went to take shelter in the verandah of the accused's house which was locked up, and accused did not make any attempt to open it. When some friends called out to his wife the accused was alleged to have said that she had gone out for a walk.

After the rain the villagers departed and the mui tsai was sent out to buy some cakes. When she returned she found the house had been opened by the accused. Soon after the accused went out. The mui tsai was concerned about her mistress's absence, and after the accused left she searched the house. She first went to the attic and noticed that the steps and part of the floor above was wet as if recently washed. In the attic was a three-ply rope hanging from a nail driven to one of the beams on the roof. She then went to an outhouse on the right of the main building and there she saw two large baskets, one inverted and forming a lid of the other.

Huddled Body.

The mui tsai lifted the top basket and she saw the body of her mistress huddled up inside with a rope tied round the neck. The mui tsai was too terrified to say anything. That same night the girl heard the accused coughing and the sound appeared to come from the outhouse. This was about 3 a.m. Next morning she found the accused drying some clothing by the kitchen fire.

Ran Away.

That day accused met the Chinese minister of the Christian Church to which the deceased belonged, and accused suggested to him that the deceased had run away from home and had gone to Hong Kong. Later he left the house telling the mui tsai that he was going to Hong Kong to enquire about his wife. But the friends mentioned by the accused

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track on the Chinese section was far better than they had expected and he thought this was a matter for commendation having regard to the difficulties, both financial and otherwise, with which the officials of the Chinese section had been faced. In conclusion, he would like to point out the advantages of reliable railroad travel, not perhaps to the exclusion of other modes of transport between Kowloon and Canton, but as a very useful alternative. The times at which the trains left the various terminals agreed with the demands of those following various business vocations and, in spite of the difficult times through which they had passed, the railway was still able to offer safe transport and a reliable time table.

SCHOOL FEES.

WHY INCREASES WERE MADE.

A HEAVY CHARGE.

The reason for the various increases in local school fees, provided for in the "Government Gazette," so far as the Government district schools are concerned, is that the instruction given is of the same standard and it is thought reasonable that the same fees should be charged.

At Belilos School for Girls, the monthly fee has been increased from \$2 to \$3 and at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians and the Gap Road School it had been increased from \$22 a year to \$24 a month.

In spite of increased expenses at Queen's College, the fees have remained at \$5 a month since 1910 and, in accordance with the new move to regularise school fees in the various Government Schools it was felt that an increase was justified.

That the various increases are justified will be seen from the fact that whereas the amount derived from Government school fees has been about \$100,000 yearly, the amount expended on them totals about a million a year, not to mention expenditure on new building etc.

Jewellery and money worth \$704 was stolen from a passenger on board the s.s. "President" Taft while the vessel was lying alongside the Kowloon wharf.

to the mui tsai would say that he never went to them. The next day accused came to the Castle Peak house with his concubine and her sister and they packed up and carried clothing, mosquito nets and bedding to the concubine's house in Chungshawan where the accused took up permanent residence. He only went to Castle Peak once to see about a crop of peaches.

Three weeks later, on April 27, accused called on the deceased's brother, a cobbler in Shamsuipo, and communicated his suspicion that deceased had run away with a man whom he named. Accused called again on May 7 and said that he no longer suspected that man, and named a brick layer as the person who had enticed his wife away. Although the brother-in-law suggested accused should inform the police, he did nothing about it, saying that if he did so and offered a reward for his wife's recovery he would lose face. The deceased's brother also did nothing about it until May 16 when his suspicion having been aroused by the accused's indifference he made some enquiries in the village at Castle Peak and at the police station, and then on May 19 made a report of his sister's disappearance. The accused was forthwith arrested, near his house at Chungshawan. He made an attempt to escape but was overpowered.

Garden Dug Up.

The whole of the accused's garden was dug up in an effort to find his wife's body but the search proved fruitless, except for the finding of a pair of trousers, identified as the deceased's, in a pond opposite the house. The police then offered a reward for the finding of the body, and on May 26 a villager who was searching on the hillside was attracted to a sand pit at the rear of the accused's house, where the sand appeared to him to be unduly loose in a certain spot. He scooped some of the sand up and came across some human hair. He borrowed further and unearthed a head. Then he informed the police and they dug up a woman who was identified as the deceased. Owing to the clayish nature of the mud underneath the surface of the sand, the body was preserved in a mummified form. There was a rope round the neck and another round the waist. These were three-ply ropes of the same quality as the length found on the attic. There were no injuries on the body except a groove which went completely round the neck. This groove formed a complete circle round the neck which negated the idea of suicide by hanging, because in that case a break in the circle would be expected at the point of suspension.

Strangulation.

The post mortem examination carried out by Dr. Dovey did not disclose anything that was inconsistent with the theory that death was due to strangulation, and that it was sudden. There was nothing in the stomach which could not be attributed to natural causes.

Mr. White Smith suggested that the rope in the attic was probably intended to tie the woman to after death to give the impression of suicide, but the plan was abandoned for some reason.

Evidence was then taken.

CHINA NEWS.

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Yesterday, the "Henderson" spent the day taking on stores at Cavite. The loading will possibly be completed late to-night or early to-morrow morning. Immediately after the loading at Cavite is finished, the "Henderson" will steam to Olongapo where the marine equipment left behind the Colonel Henry C. Davis, will be loaded. The officers of the "Henderson" expect to complete the job of loading on Saturday or Sunday, and will leave for Shanghai just as soon as the last piece of machinery is on board.

The equipment to be loaded at Olongapo consists of the trucks, tractors and tanks belonging to the marine artillery train. The "Chaumont" was unable to load the equipment because of small crane capacity, and consequently, the job was turned over to the "Henderson," a larger and better equipped vessel for loading heavy machinery.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Feng Given Control of Three Provinces.

Shanghai, June 20. As a result of the Chengchow conference held in the middle of June at which Wang Ching-wei, Tan Yen-kai, Sun Fo, Hsu Chien and Kum Eng-yu represented the Wuhan Government, while Feng Yu-hsiang and Yu Yu-jen were also present, it was decided to entrust the control of Honan, Shensi and Kansu to Feng Yu-hsiang while half of Tang Seng-chi's troops will be withdrawn to Hankow, the remainder being placed under the command of Feng Yu-hsiang.

Furthermore the Central Executive Council of the Kuomintang has decided to establish a Political Affairs Committee at Kaifeng, the majority of whose members will be Feng Yu-hsiang's nominees. On this account Hsu Chien and Kum Eng-yu are for the present remaining at Kaifeng.—Reuter.

Troops for Wei-hai-wei. Shanghai, June 20. The first battalion of the Middlesex regiment has left for Wei-hai-wei aboard the transport "Hermine".—Reuter.

TAXI ACCIDENT.

EUROPEAN GIRL KNOCKED DOWN. DRIVER IN COURT.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield heard the sequel to the motor accident in which the 5-year-old daughter of Inspector Phillips of the Kowloon City Police Station was knocked down by a taxicab on Saturday. The driver of the taxicab was charged with negligent driving, also with having a defective set of brakes. Sub-Inspector Smith, who prosecuted, said that the extent of the injuries suffered by the child, Vera May Phillips, had not yet been determined. While it had been ascertained that no bones had been broken, it was not yet known if the little girl was out of danger. She was suffering from concussion, while one of the wheels of the taxicab had passed over her legs and thighs.

According to Guardsman James Pierce, who was riding a bicycle near the Rosary Church at the time of the accident (9 a.m.), the defendant was driving the taxicab at between 25 and 30 m.p.h., when he passed the witness. About 75 yards ahead there were some European children in the act of crossing the road. The accused maintained the same speed after passing the witness, and he saw the taxicab knock down Miss Phillips, one of the wheels passing over her legs. The taxicab stopped, and Guardsman Pierce picked up the child and removed her to the Military Hospital in a car borrowed from a European gentleman. The defendant would have driven on again, but the witness detained him, and took him to the hospital with the girl.

Mechanic Sub-Inspector Mason tested the taxicab on Saturday afternoon and found both the hand and foot brakes were absolutely useless. The steering gear was also in a bad condition, and the cab itself was very dilapidated. It should not have been allowed on the road.

Defendant was remanded on bail of \$250.

STOLEN PALM LEAF FANS.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindsell convicted the Chinese fruit dealer charged with the unlawful possession of \$3,000 worth of palm leaf fans which were stolen outside the waters of the Colony when being conveyed by junk from Sanhui to Canton. Accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour. As the maximum fine was \$250 the magistrate held that it was impossible to give accused that option in view of the profit accused had made out of the fans. An order was made for the return of the fans found in the accused's shop and in the Wing On Godown to their owners, the two syndicates of palm leaf fan manufacturers of Sanhui.

NAVAL CONFERENCE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Every Effort To Reach An Agreement.

Geneva, June 20. Mr. Hugh Gibson (the United States) prefaced his speech with a message from President Coolidge declaring that the President was only interpreting the overwhelming sentiment of the American people in stating that the United States would do its utmost to make agreement possible.

Mr. Gibson added that it could be assumed that the conference started in agreement on the following points, namely:—

That in the interests of international understanding there should not be competition between the three Powers in naval armaments.

Their respective navies should be maintained at the lowest level compatible with national security, and never be of a size or character to warrant suspicion of aggressive intent.

Future construction should be kept to a minimum.

The methods and principles of limitation set down in the Washington treaty should be extended to all categories of combatant vessels of the three Powers.

Washington Principles.

Mr. Gibson said the United States had no intention of maintaining a force as a threat to any Power and did not desire to initiate a competitive programme. The American suggestions were based on the following considerations:—

That the ratio principles of the Washington treaty should be applied to cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Any agreement among the three Powers to limit the building of auxiliary vessels should be coterminous with the Washington treaty and contain a provision respecting revision in the event of an extensive building programme by a Power not party to the agreement.

For the purpose of future limitation auxiliaries should be divided into four categories, three of which, namely, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, should be subject to limitation, with a fourth class of negligible combatant value not subject to limitation.

The cruiser class to include surface combatant vessels of between 3,000 to 10,000 tons, the destroyer class to include all surface combatant vessels of 600 to 3,000 tons. The speed of the above to be 17 knots.

The United States would recognise the naval requirements relative, and if these limits were adjusted for one Power they should be so adjusted for all.

Mr. Gibson said that if any Powers proposed lower tonnage levels for auxiliary craft, the United States would welcome them to obviate the scrapping of comparatively new vessels of one class at the same time being built in another class.

Mr. Gibson added that the question of abolition of submarines must be universal between all naval Powers in order to be effective.

After Viscount Saito's speech, the conference adjourned.

The executive committee will meet to-morrow to divide the work of the conference, the next plenary meeting of which will depend on the progress of the committee work.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEEDS.

Statement by Minister of Navy.

Tokyo, June 20. The Navy Minister, in a statement, declares that it is absolutely necessary for Japan to keep as many auxiliary vessels as will be sufficient for the security of her commerce in times of peace and war, because she is dependent on foreign countries for raw materials. The auxiliary vessels which are being completed at the end of 1928 and the replacements of auxiliary vessels approved at the last session of the Diet represent her minimum requirements.—Reuter.

ANTI-SLAVERY PACT.

Geneva, June 20. Britain on behalf of Britain, India, and the Dominions excepting Canada, and the Irish Free State, has forwarded to the League Secretariat ratification of the "anti-slavery" convention of Geneva on September 25, 1926. The convention is now automatically enforced in the British Empire. Bulgaria and Denmark are the only others who up to the present have ratified the convention.—Reuter.

COUNCIL MATTERS.

BUSINESS BEFORE NEXT MEETING.

NEW TRAMWAY TRACKS.

The Colonial Secretary at Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council will move the confirmation of the Government's approval of the construction by the Tramway Company of a single track tramway in Percival Street and of an additional curve leading from Morrison Street into Connaught Road Central, provided that (1) any alteration of mains, cables, services, sewers, drains, manholes or other works belonging to the Government of the Colony shall be carried out by the Director of Public Works at the cost of the company, (2) all the other works shall be subject to the approval and shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, and (3) the said track and additional curve respectively and all the works in connection therewith shall be subject to all the powers and provisions of the Tramways Ordinance, 1902.

The business before the Council also includes the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong (the Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai), the 1st reading of an Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of £1,083,892.42 to defray the charges for the year, 1926, and the first reading of an Ordinance to protect the Revenue of the Colony.

A LATE FERRY.

WAYWARD BOAT STARTLES SMALL CRAFT.

If any Hong Kong employers whose staff members live at Kowloon were annoyed by the said members walking in at nearer 2.15 this afternoon than 2 o'clock, the said employers should address their grumble to the Star Ferry Company. It was all the fault of the coxswain of the ferry that left Kowloon at 1.50 or else the fault of the ferry-boat's engines.

Everything went fairly well until approaching the Hong Kong pier, when the ferry seemed to steer its nose straight for the landing stage. As a crash was imminent, the coxswain reversed engines, with a result that the ferry backed towards the steam launches, etc., five or six deep, which were moored alongside the Queen's Pier. Three of the craft had to slip their moorings, and got out of the way in order to avoid being run down.

The ferry boat, eventually got alongside the landing stage, wrong end first, and passengers were able to disembark nearly ten minutes later than they should have been.

FRANCE'S PRESIDENT

M. DOUMERGUE'S PATH TO ELYSEE.

M. Doumergue, who is 64, is a typical Frenchman from the south. An eloquent speaker, he began life as a barrister at Nîmes, but with no great success. His political opinions, then somewhat advanced, and his political friendships obtained for him a post as magistrate at Saïgon, in Indo-China.

In 1893, during a period of leave in France, he was elected deputy for his native department of the Gard. He was then 30 years of age. From the first he was marked for high office in the French Republic.

There are few men prominent in France who have not risen to power from the ranks of the extreme parties, whose views they once shared, by showing their capacity to abandon party prejudices in favour of national unity. Such was the case of men like M. Briand, M. Viviani, and M. Millerand, and the same may be said of M. Doumergue. He was, and perhaps still is, a Radical-Socialist, but during his terms as Minister of the Colonies and as Minister for Foreign Affairs, and later as President of the Senate, he knew how to reconcile his party bias with what he saw was his duty towards the Government of the French Republic.

It was through this keen political sense that he owed in June 1924 his election as President of the Republic.

At the Elysee M. Doumergue is known for his free and independent habits. He is the first Protestant who has ever ruled in France. As a bachelor, he likes to retire to the comfort of his own private apartment. There he puts on his slippers, smokes, and plays backgammon with friends.

That is why political crises, which of old used to keep the public and reporters awake with excitement until long past midnight, have almost invariably since he took office been closed at the early hour of eight o'clock, with the curt announcement: "The President will resume his political consultations at an early hour to-morrow morning."

Often during the three years that he has been at the Elysee he has held consultations between six and seven o'clock in the morning.

STRANGE MISHAP.

DOCTOR BREAKS ARM WHILE DRIVING.

SAVING A PEDESTRIAN.

Dr. R. E. Tottenham broke his right arm in an unusual manner yesterday afternoon. He was driving in a motor car in Queen's Road East when near the Wanchai Market a Chinese woman suddenly ran out into the street. To prevent the woman from being knocked down by the car Dr. Tottenham put out his hand to push her off. This he succeeded in doing and she fell clear of the car, but the doctor's arm came in contact with the hood support of the car, and the force of the impact caused by the car moving in one direction and the woman in another caused the limb to snap. He had to be driven to the hospital. The woman was not injured.

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain C. B. L. Stringer, of the "Shanshi," is on home leave. Captain J. W. Lamont, from reserve, has gone master, "Shanshi."

Mr. W. Anderson, chief engineer, "Shantien," is on reserve. Mr. J. B. Barclay, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Shantien."

Mr. C. Boulton, second engineer, "Sunning," is on reserve. Mr. W. Gordon, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. W. H. Scurr, second engineer, "Luchow," is on reserve. Mr. N. S. Halliday, chief engineer, "Shashi," has gone chief engineer, "Changchow." Mr. W. Turner, chief engineer, "Chengtu," has gone chief engineer, "Shashi."

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, supply engineer, "Kwangtung," has gone second engineer, "Teau." Mr. W. Gordon, second engineer, "Teau," is on reserve.

Mr. F. C. Dart, acting second engineer, "Kungyuan," has gone supply engineer, "Kungchow."

Mr. J. W. Bertram, second engineer, "Kwangtung," has gone acting second engineer, "Kungyuan."

Captain J. H. Smith, of "Luenho," has gone master, "Slangwo."

Captain S. J. Barden, of the "Slangwo," has gone master, "Luenho."

Mr. N. Richardson, second officer, "Kutwo," has gone second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. C. I. Lawson, second officer, "Kiangwo," has gone second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. J. R. Evans, second officer, "Pingwo," has gone supernumerary, "Washing."

Mr. J. J. McLeavy, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. G. Earlam, chief officer, "Slangwo," is on reserve.

Mr. L. H. Hitchings, chief officer, "Washing," is on home leave.

Mr. W. J. Jack has been appointed supernumerary engineer, "Loongwo."

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ABSURD SWEETS TIME-LIMIT.

RELICS OF THE WAR.

Dearer theatre seats as a possible alternative to the continued restrictions on the sale of sweets and tobacco, an increase in the price of admission is well within the bounds of possibility.

"In the entertainment industry we have cut expenditure to the minimum consistent with efficiency, and unless we can increase our revenue from subsidiary sources, such as would result from longer hours for the sale of sweets and tobacco, an increase in the price of admission is well within the bounds of possibility."

People in the West End of London are more prosperous and more generous with tips, said Mr. Payne in explanation of a statement that programme girls in the West End theatres earned up to £6 or £7 a week, partly in commission on the sale of chocolates and cigarettes.

Employer (to workman): "I see you're the new man. I suppose my foreman has given you your instructions?"

Employee: "Yes, sir. Carry on, and wake him up if I see you coming."

"KEPT TO LEFT."

PEDDER STREET CORNER TESTS.

HOW PUBLIC MAY HELP.

The public is asked to co-operate with the Police in the experiment which is being made to guide traffic at the Pedder Street—Des Voeux Road corner.

To the warning post and danger light which have been installed there, will be added two white lines running from North to South and from East to West, the idea being that all traffic, both vehicular and otherwise, will circulate on the left, pedestrians to keep between the lines in the same manner as vehicles.

When the lines are down, two Police officers will temporarily be on duty there with a view to initiating the public into their use and to see that the rules are observed.

The pillar and light attract the driver's attention to the warning "keep to the left" notice even in the daytime and at night will be even more valuable.

If this experiment in the matter of traffic control proves a success, the scheme will be extended to other busy centres.

40-BUTTON MEN.

ENGLISH DISLIKE OF SHOWY CLOTHES.

Talking about his campaign for substituting knee-breeches for trousers, M. Maurice de Waleffe, a prominent critic of modern men's dress, has confessed to the "Daily Mail" that he was most "naughty" in England, where, he said, "men are so particular about their attire."

A fashionable tailor explained to a "Daily Mail" reporter why Englishmen are "so particular."

"Unlike the Frenchman, the Italian, or the Spaniard, the Englishman of taste objects to anything in the way of 'showy' attire. Everything he wears must be 'quiet,' yet at the same time distinctive. Nor does he like changes of fashion. Tailors understand this, and they are careful not to change in any very noticeable way the character of the modern suit, which to-day is in most respects very little different from what was worn 10 years ago."

Another expert pointed out that, although women have been able practically to discard buttons, men are as wholly dependent upon them at present as they were centuries ago.

"There are 20 buttons on the modern man's ordinary suit (he said), and in addition he has to do up 9 on his underclothing, 8 on his spurs, and 8 on his overcoat—40 in all. It seems unreasonable that a man should have to use so many buttons in these days of labour-saving devices, but it is exceedingly doubtful whether Englishmen would welcome any fashion which banished buttons."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.
June 21—Queen's Theatre: "The Thirder Herd."
June 21—World Theatre: "This Woman."

June 21—Star Theatre: "The Pony Express."
June 21—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

June 21—Isako's Circus. New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai 9.15 p.m.

June 21—Grand Tea Dances at Lee Garden, also exhibition dances by Prof. Therese & Miss Marguerite Senour, 6.30-7.30 p.m.

June 21—Chinese Classical Dances by Miss Teze Lo Lan, at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

June 25—Grand Promenade Concert at Lee Garden, 9.30 p.m.

Sport.
June 25—Fifth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auctions.
June 22—Office requisites at York Bldgs., Chater Rd., 10.30 a.m.

June 22—A quantity of valuable household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at Westbourne Villa (West) 86, Bonham Road, opposite King's College, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.
June 23—Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

June 29—Sixth yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., at Queen's Theatre, Queen's Road, Central, noon. Extraordinary meeting at 12.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
June 24—Whist "Drive" at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

June 29—Lantern lecture by Dr. Osma. at St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

IRON BAR ASSAULT.

An earth coolie employed by the Lee Yik Company at North Point was yesterday taken to the hospital suffering from severe injuries received through being assaulted by another coolie who was armed with an iron bar. The assailant has been arrested by the police.

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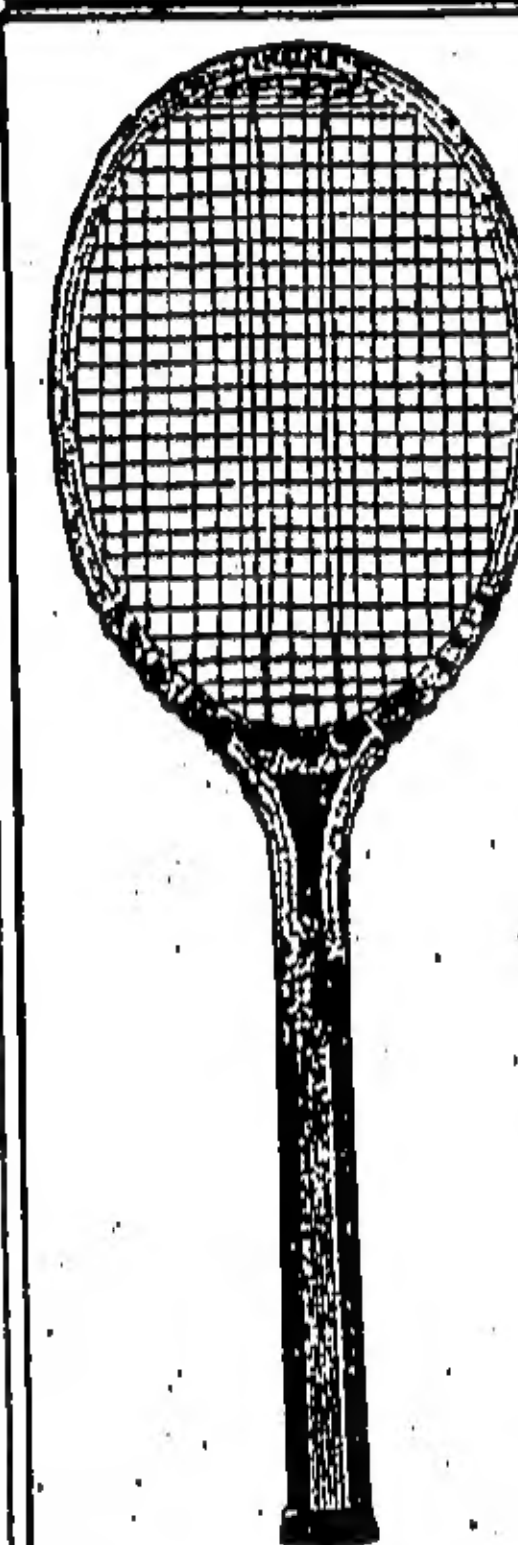
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A strange shooting accident took place at Aurillac, in the centre of France, when a farmer named Delcher took a shot at a fox and found that he had mortally wounded his ten-year-old son. It appears that the boy was crawling behind a hedge picking flowers and his father mistook the sweater he was wearing for a fox.

What happens to best sellers is one of the questions answered by Lord Erle in "The Light Reading of Our Ancestors" (Hutchinson, 16s.), a lively contribution to literary history. The light reading of one generation becomes in many cases the heavy reading of the next. Many books now read only in period pieces, or left hopelessly in the way of children, kept their earliest readers up all night. A still larger number, over which our ancestors raved or simpered, are now completely forgotten.

Mr. James Meredith, of Ashfield Park, Ross, Herefordshire, formerly a draper and milliner, who died last February, aged 83, left £11,747, with net personally £11,101. In his will he said: My body may be disposed of as my executors think fit; my personal view is that a funeral pyre on the top of Fenyard or the Chase Woods, where I enjoyed the shooting for so many years, would be an ideal method—my ashes cast to the winds of Heaven and so remain in death as I have been in life—free as God's air. This method would save the turmoils of future burial boards such as I experienced when chairman of various councils when Ross Church was extended.

Women visitors to the Tobacco Trade Exhibition at Olympia, Kensington, W., recently far outnumbered the men. At every stall women, old and young, were taking the keenest interest in the making of cigarettes or the wrapping of cigars, and wherever they went they asked questions. A tobaccoist told a "Daily Mail" reporter of his experiences of the woman smoker. He said: A sports girl prefers "gaspers" with a Turkish or Egyptian cigarette occasionally. The bridge enthusiast often prefers the luxurious cigarette all the time. If a girl wants a change she rarely takes to the pipe, which is a bit harsh for women, but chooses a small cigar. These small mild cigars are having an increasing sale among young women, especially for after-dinner smoking. They do not appreciate the big cigar as the man does.

The "Hospital Comforts" Committee acknowledges with very many thanks, receipt of the following gifts for the Hospitals:—12 doz. packs Playing Cards from Mr. Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E., parcels of magazines from Mrs. A. Morris, Mrs. A. T. Hamilton and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, and parcels of books from Mrs. W. Shewan; also a sewing machine (on loan) from Mrs. A. Morris.

A feature of the sale of Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road, Central, at Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza's Auction Rooms yesterday the exceptionally high bidding, one of \$50,000 being made. The bidding was opened by a Japanese gentleman at \$50,000 which was immediately doubled by a second bidder, the price being taken to \$137,000 before the property was knocked down to Mr. Tso Tsz-ying.

A remarkable story of the pluck and coolness of British soldiers in China was told at the Central Hall, Westminster, at a meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, by the Rev. G. Matthews Thomas, who has spent the last two years in that country. During an attack by the Cantonese mob on the British Concession at Hankow on January 3, when they tried to force back British Royal Marines and rush it, he said, a Royal Marine corporal stood out in front and treated a shower of stones and other missiles as balls, meeting them with a baton and hitting them to right and left as calmly as though he were playing a game of cricket.

Three probate grants have been made at the Supreme Court. In respect of the \$665,400 local estate of Pun Pui-yu, late of 93, Caine Road, probate of the will has been granted to Leung Wan-han, his concubine, and Kwok On, late of No. 3, St. Stephen's Lane; in respect of the \$4,000 local estate of the Rev. C. G. G. Vaudin, of Witherley Rectory, Atherstone, letters of administration have been granted to the attorney of Mr. M. L. M. Vaudin, of Courtlands, Kingsbridge, administrator; in respect of the \$7,700 local estate of Alexander Gillan, master mariner, late of Zetland House, Hong Kong, probate of the will has been granted to Mr. S. M. Bander, the estate to be left in trust for the children of his executor until they attain the age of 21.

Under new regulations of the Ontario Department of Health aimed at the prevention of communicable diseases, roller towels, elder-down quilts, and wooden bedsteads are prohibited in all lodging-houses, and a shower-bath must be provided on each floor. Barbers must sterilise all their utensils and must wear washable coats. Before shouting "Next, please" every barber must wash his hands. Powder puffs and sponges are banned. In the matter of food supply the regulations demand the compulsory wearing of gloves by all persons handling unwrapped bread for sale.

The scheme for throwing open famous gardens to the public on behalf of the Queen Alexandra Memorial Fund is an elaboration of the campaign started by Mr. William Roper, the father of Major Leonard Roper, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for War. Mr. Roper in the last three or four years has attempted to institute "Garden Sunday" on the Sunday before August Bank Holiday, when an increasing number of gardens are accessible to the public in the north of England. "I think the public will appreciate the scheme," his son stated recently. "And incidentally it makes one's gardeners desperately keen for at least a month beforehand to out-do their rivals. One can hardly persuade them to go to bed at all."

The success of the traffic regulation in Paris, which is now remarkably efficient, disproves the idea, very prevalent in France itself, that it is impossible to get the French voluntarily to submit to discipline (says the "Evening Standard"). It is more difficult to regulate pedestrians than vehicles, but pedestrians in Paris show every disposition to fall in with the rules made for their own benefit, the latest of which is that, when they are waiting to cross the road they must wait on the pavement and not on the edge of the road itself. This rule is particularly necessary in Paris, where the chauffeurs have the habit of just shaving the pavement. The rule forbidding pedestrians to cross the road in the Avenue des Champs-Elysees, except at certain places where there is a notice-board has worked very well and may be applied to some other important thoroughfares. But Parisians, like Londoners, make very little use of the underground passages, of which there are a few in Paris.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Capt. W. Davidson, Marine-Superintendent of the C.P.R., Hong Kong, for Kobe, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart for Shanghai and Mr. J. C. Gubbay for Shanghai are passengers aboard the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," which leaves Hong Kong for Vancouver via Japan to-morrow.

Are Cairn terriers more dangerous than Alsations? asks a London writer. The Hon. Herbert Asquith, the husband of Lady Cynthia Asquith, would probably say they were. He has only now returned to his duties as publisher's reader in Paternoster Row after a three months' absence, due to his having been bitten on the nose by his terrier. The marks are still visible, and at first he had actually to go to bed.

Major Segrave, the famous racing motorist, announced his intention of retiring from the motor-racing track in October. In future he hopes to get his thrills from motor-boat racing. "I have been at it eight years," he said in an interview, "and the time to retire is when you are at the top of your form and everything is going all right. I am taking to motor-boat racing, and I am going to work seriously at it this year." Major Segrave added that he would not take part in any of this year's motor-boat racing events, as he had a lot to learn about motor-boats. During his recent stay in America, where he set up a new world's motor speed record, he acquired two motor-boats, and with these he intends to practise this summer.

The following deaths were announced at Home during mail week:—Sir R. Muirhead Collins, who was the first official representative of the Australian Federal Government in Great Britain, and Official Secretary to the Commonwealth in London from 1910 until 1917, at Sydney, Bath, aged 74; Mrs. Adams, an old servant of the Duchess of Teck and later of the Queen, who had been in the Royal service nearly 60 years, at Brough, Westmorland, aged 88; Alderman Thomas Scott Pearson, of Waner Farm, Rampside, Barrow, who became a member of Barrow Town Council 16 years ago, aged 69; and Mr. Arthur Hawker Cox, chairman of Messrs. Arthur H. Cox and Co., Ltd., wholesale manufacturing chemists of Brighton, at Brighton, aged 68.

Inspector W. F. Blackman and daughter, Mrs. M. Dallin, Audit Department; Mr. A. J. Wheelton, P.W.D.; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chambers, land bailiff, Taiipo; Mrs. Dovey and daughter, wife of Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government; Miss P. Brown, Education Department; Sergt. A. E. Sanderson, Police; and Mr. R. Burns all leave Hong Kong by the s.s. "Mantua" for Home on June 25.

Mr. S. R. Waller, of the A.P.C., for Europe, Mr. J. Randall, of Manila for Vancouver, Mr. W. C. Gibson of the National City Bank of New York, in Hong Kong, for New York, and Mrs. Gibson for Europe, Mrs. A. E. Bramwell, wife of the manager of Warner, Barnes & Co., Importers and exporters at Manila, for Europe, Mr. E. J. Murphy, a Superintendent of Schools, at Manila, for Vancouver leave Hong Kong by the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" to-morrow.

It may not be generally known, says "Times of Malaya," that the late Mr. Chan Sow-lin rendered the Government very valuable assistance against the Malays in the Perak War, which followed the assassination of Mr. W. W. Birch, father of the present Mayor of Bexhill. The late Mr. Chan Sow-lin, who was a Justice of the Peace for Selangor, was for many years a valued member of the Selangor State Council, retiring in 1921 owing to advancing age. He was also a Trustee of the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, where he did much useful work.

Mr. Malcolm Watson writes in a Home paper: From Mr. John Southern, a general manager at the Garrick, I learn that arrangements have been concluded for the appearance in the West-end of the popular screen artist, Miss Betty Balfour, in musical comedy. The piece chosen for the occasion is an adaptation from the French of "Le Zebre," a version of which, entitled "The Glad Eye," by Mr. José G. Levy, was done some sixteen years ago at the Globe, where it achieved a run of 498 performances. The new piece will be presented under the direction of Westman Productions Ltd., which, it may be remembered, was responsible for bringing "The Ghost Train" to London. Miss Balfour has just returned from Nice, where she has been doing a little filming, and at the same time recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Myrtle Shipper's claim to glory is that she once manicured the nails of the Prince of Wales during his visit to Canada. Miss Shipper, who is known to thousands of trans-pacific passengers, is chief manicurist on the world-cruising liner "President Wilson," which arrived Hong Kong on Sunday from America. Miss Shipper says that the Prince is a perfect gentleman. It is also stated that the Prince complimented her on her knowledge of the business she is engaged in. Miss Shipper was formerly chief manicurist on the Dollar liner "President Pierce."

London papers announce the death of Lady Cunard, wife of Sir Gordon Cunard, fourth baronet, which occurred in a nursing home. She was Edith Mary, daughter of the late Colonel John Stanley Howard, of Ballina Park, co. Wicklow, and in 1889 married Mr. Gordon Cunard, who was born in 1857 and succeeded his brother, Sir Bache Cunard, third baronet, in 1925. Lady Cunard leaves three sons—Mr. Edward Cunard, late of the Diplomatic Service; Lieut. Commander Anthony Gordon Cunard, R.N. (retired); and Victor, born in 1898.

The death of Viscount Cowdray, says the London correspondent of a Liverpool paper, has come as a real shock to London business men, for though he was not very often in the City of recent years—his office lying chiefly Whitehall way—his unmistakable presence was well known in Lombard Street, and if he was considered a somewhat cold and aloof personage, with a very limited circle of real intimates there was no doubt about that, the high regard which his integrity and superlative business talents inspired among the lords of London's haute finance. I do not think that any peerage given to a business man within the past 20 years was more universally acceptable among men of all kinds in the world of important activities associate with Key-Industries of Great Britain. When he received his barony in 1910, the remark was made "there is no doubt about this man's merit; Westman Pearson is one of the pioneers of the world's civilisation." He was as well-known in New York as in London, and it is on record that the late William Rockefeller of Standard Oil, a brother of "J.D.", once said, "you may not like that Britisher, but by heck, you can't overlook him."

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NOTES ON WIMBLEDON OPENING.

THE BRITISH "HOPES."

(By "Stalwart.")

Wimbledon again! The eyes of the sporting world are now turned towards the happenings at the near-London venue where the cream of tennis is gathered to compete for classic honours. According to the meagre cables, all the old faces are there, with the obvious exceptions such as Suzanne Lenglen, Vincent Richards, etc., who have joined the professional ranks, thanks to the golden lure of Mr. Pyle, of America. And they have an innovation at Wimbledon this year, I am told. This is a loud speaker which is to be used by the umpire on the centre court, where all the "star" matches are played. Complaints have been made in previous years that the people in the back and middle seats of the huge stand were unable to hear the scores as called out. Hence the loud speaker.

W. T. Tilden, it appears, had the honour of opening the championships on the centre court when they started yesterday. He brilliantly defeated G. Pratt, and showed some of the old Tilden form. In the opinion of many of the critics, the American "crack" is now back into his stride. He is very anxious to avenge his defeat by the Frenchman in America last year and has been training conscientiously for the Wimbledon championships. Whilst in Germany recently, when he beat the best of the Fatherland, he refused all social invitations, so that his training should not suffer interference, and he has also stopped smoking. At all events Tilden seems to have recovered from his "wonky" knee, and that means a lot to him.

Japan, I see, have experienced two defeats already, Harada going down before Landry, the Frenchman, and Hunter, playing brilliantly, beating Ohta, the No. 1 of the Japanese team. Takeichi Harada has been living in America for the past three or four years, where he holds a business appointment, and has benefited by continuous practice with the leading American players. He at present ranks as No. 7 in the world's classification, and numbered among his victims last year W. M. Johnson, R. Lacoste, and H. Cochet.

The "Three Musketeers" of France, Cochet, Lacoste, and Borotra, all got through the first round. This French trio always does well at Wimbledon, despite the little time they give to practising on grass. Lacoste, a genius at the game, is all the same a phlegmatic player, always drawing on his innate resources for his inspiration, while Borotra has a cool and calculating directing brain which is behind those lightning streaks of brilliant volleying and smashing which seem so sporadic.

The German contingent at Wimbledon has, I see, soon made its presence felt, and of the two matches so far engaged in, has won both. Heinrich Kleinschroth and Krauser were the fortunate pair, Englishmen being their victims. In addition to these two, Germany has Frotzheim, Dr. Landmann and Moldenhauer, together with Fraulein Cilly Assen waiting to snatch matches in the championships. Germany, it seems, has taken up international lawn tennis with a whole heart, and special schools of instruction have been formed in Berlin and other centres to train the young idea.

So far as the British contingent is concerned, the greatest surprise in the first round play was the defeat of Godfree by Lester. Crole-Rees, Turnbull, Gregory, Greig, Campbell, Crawley, and Col. Kingscote, however, all won. J. C. Gregory, the young Yorkshire player, is considered, I hear, to be England's chief hope in the men's singles this year, and H. K. Lester, who defeated Godfree, is expected to do well. The South Africans, Spence and Condon, are in about the same class, together with Raymond, who has a tremendous top spin drive such as seems to come natural to left handed players. More about the championships to-morrow.

WIMBLEDON OPENS.

SURPRISES IN FIRST ROUND.

JAPANESE STAR BEATEN.

Wimbledon, June 20.

The Wimbledon tennis tournament opened in glorious weather. The splendid condition of the courts, in spite of the rain of the last few days, probably accounted for an early start being made on the centre court, which was barely half full when Tilden opened the first round at one o'clock, defeating G. Pratt 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

It was a "cat and mouse" match, Tilden scoring as he liked and



Tilden (U.S.A.).

finishing the game with a trio of untouchable services. The strokes, like shots from a gun, staggered the spectators by their brilliance.

Other Results.

Other results in the first round: Landry (France) beat Harada (Japan) 6-0, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

Cochet (France) beat F. Burnett 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Hunter beat Ohta (Japan) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Timmer (Holland) beat W. h-burn (America) 6-1, 8-6.

The Day's Play.

A well filled, cool and cloudy day of tennis produced two defeats each for the Japanese and American, one each of which was surprising.

Hunter scored freely with powerful forehand drives along the side-lines. The Japanese, who was handicapped by the strangeness of



Washburn (U.S.A.).

playing on grass left the court open and showed no enterprise in his net play while Hunter often came up to score with crisp volleys.

The American to-morrow meets Colonel Kingscote.

The 15 years' old American, Wood, dressed in white plus fours, is the youngest competitor in the Championships. He was no match for Lacoste, though he was given warm encouragement for his spirited fight from the stands. He lost 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

The success of the French "three musketeers" was completed by the victory of Borotra over Belgrave, of Britain, 7-5, 7-5, 9-7.

Other successful continentalists included the Germans, Kleinschroth and Krauser over the Englishman Price and Deed respectively. Frotzheim beat the Scottish champion, I. Collins, 119-63, 36-63.

In the final match the ex-Captain, Lester, beat Godfree 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Other prominent British winners were Crole-Rees, Turnbull, Gregory, Greig, Campbell, Crawley, Kingscote, the South Africans Raymond and Condon, and the Anglo-Indians Jacob and Prasada.

PRINCE AT POLO.

MAY PLAY IN THE U. S.

The Prince of Wales may be an active participant in the coming American polo season. Instructions have been issued to his staff and grooms here to hold themselves in readiness with the royal polo ponies, with a view to a visit to the Prince's Canadian ranch and a brief holiday which the Prince will, in all probability, spend in the United States. "United Press."

A BOWLING FEAT.

PARKER TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 46.

GLOSTER BEATS NORTHANTS.

London, June 20.

At Northampton, splendid bowling on the part of Parker enabled Gloucestershire to beat Northants by seven wickets.

The home County only scored 92 in their first innings, Parker taking five wickets for 50 runs and Mills taking five for 41.

Gloucester replied with 182, of which Bloodworth secured 83, Thomas taking six wickets for 68. Northants, at their second attempt, could only knock up 124, Parker again shining with the ball, capturing nine wickets for 46 runs.

Gloucester then soon scored the necessary runs, making 36 for the loss of three wickets, winning by seven wickets.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

(Compilations include Gloucester-Northants match, given to-day).

	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	Pts.	Pts.	No.
						Obtd.	rat.	
Lancashire	12	7	0	3	2	96	77	0
Nottingham	10	6	1	2	1	80	59	0
Derbyshire	8	4	1	2	1	64	45	0
Yorkshire	12	7	2	1	2	96	67	0
Leicestershire	9	4	1	3	1	72	50	0
Kent	10	6	3	1	0	80	52	0
Surrey	11	5	2	2	2	88	56	0
Middlesex	9	4	3	2	0	72	42	0
Sussex	8	3	3	2	0	64	39	0
Essex	10	3	3	2	2	80	40	1
Warwickshire	11	2	2	4	4	88	43	0
Northants	8	3	4	0	1	64	27	0
Hampshire	10	1	4	3	2	80	29	0
Somerset	9	1	5	1	2	72	10	0
Gloucester	11	1	6	0	4	88	20	1
Glamorgan	9	0	6	1	2	72	11	0
Worcester	10	1	9	0	0	80	8	0

BEST YOUNG BAT.

K. S. DULEEPSINHJI PICKED.

It is sometimes a misfortune to be related to a famous man. Everyone knew that Duleepsinhji was the nephew of the great Ranji, and a mere boy was at once compared with one who was a genius of the cricket bat. When young "Duleep" made a big score people said, "Yes; a fine knock; but if his uncle had been playing against that bowling—well!"

That the slim, tall Cambridge undergraduate will ever bat as well as his uncle is doubtful. A Ranji, like a Shakespeare, comes only once in a long span of years. But at least Duleepsinhji, who has opened the season in a blaze of glorious strokes, stands out as the most picturesque personality of cricket's younger generation.

His style scarcely recalls the play of his uncle. His stance is difficult—he crouches a little, to begin with; and he has few of the strokes which caused a sorely tried bowler to describe Ranji as "an infernal juggler." But he has that same fine feline grace which inspired C. B. Fry to write of Ranji: "He moves as if he has no bones."

Last season Duleepsinhji was a good bat. This season he is approaching the border-line which divides the good from the great.

Practice and coaching on an indoor pitch during the winter have removed some of his deficiencies. A year ago his off-side strokes, although beautifully made, lacked power. But now he hits the ball harder, places it better, remembers that there are more things in the game than those fashionable on-side shots that deflect rather than hit the ball.

He has splendid wrists—wrists as strong as steel, as flexible as rubber; he has the keen eye that belongs to men born in Eastern sunshine; he has a good method. What more could any batsman desire?—H. J. Henley in "Daily Mail."

CRICKET RECORD.

3 "DOUBLE-BARRELED" CENTURIES.

Early May cricket, with magnificent weather, has produced some exceptionally high scoring, and in midweek a new record was set up by the fact that three batsmen had scored two separate hundreds in one match.

Hobbs, Bates (W. Es.), and Newman were the players who added their names to a company still comparatively few.

Hobbs alone of these had previously made two hundreds in one match. He played the fourth "double-barreled" century of his career.

Bates, who made 105 and 106 for Glamorgan, is the old Yorkshire player, who was 43 years of age last March.

Newman, whose age is 40, was first played by Hampshire for his bowling. At one time he battled late in the innings. Like Rhodes, he has been promoted from the last position on his side to the first.

HOME YACHTING.

SEASON OPENS WITH REGATTA.

NEW INTERNATIONAL RULE.

London, June 5.

The yachting season officially opened with the annual regatta, held under the auspices of the Royal Thames Yacht Club at Southend, the Thames estuary resort whose 1¼-mile pier is claimed by citizens as the longest in the world.

From the number of orders placed in the various shipyards a promising season is predicted and the recognition, by the autocratic Yacht Racing Association of the 14 foot dinghy class, for which the Prince of Wales offers a challenge cup, has aroused the greatest enthusiasm among junior yachtsmen.

SUMMER VACATION.

THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE ROAD.

ENTRAIN FOR BLACK HILLS.

Washington, June 13.

The White House manager together with President and Mrs. Coolidge, entrained to-night for the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Prominent members of the party, in addition to the president and his wife, were the Coolidge's pet raccoon Rebecca, the two White House colts, Rob Boy and Prudence Prim, and five canaries.

Secretaries, stenographers, servants, and other attaches were also in attendance. A large number of newspapermen will leave soon for the summer White House.

The President will make one stop on route—at Hammond, Ind., to-morrow, where he will spend the afternoon. He is due to reach the Black Hills on Wednesday.

Hunting and fishing near the President's vacation quarters are said to be good. How much time Mr. Coolidge will spend in these pursuits was not revealed by the official spokesman.

ZANE GREY.

YACHT STRIKES AN UNCHARTED REEF.

VESSEL IN NO DANGER.

San Francisco, June 12.

Zane Grey's yacht "Fisherman" with the author and a party of friends aboard, struck an uncharted reef near Rangiroa Island in the Pacific to-day, according to radio messages picked up by amateur operators here.

The yacht has three feet of water in her hold but is in no danger, the messages say.

The Fisherman sailed from San Francisco on November 16, 1926.

Zane Grey, well known author of western novels, is an enthusiastic deep sea fisherman. Several years ago he purchased the Marshal Foch a three masted schooner, in Nova Scotia, refitted it, installed Diesel engines, radio and other equipment, and sent it through the Panama canal to the Pacific. The vessel was renamed the Fisherman. Grey, his son Homer, and a party of relatives and friends joined the ship at Panama and spent several months cruising and fishing in the Pacific. After returning to California, he started on another cruise last November.

RIVALS IN LOVE.

JUNGLE MAID WATCHES FOUR DIE.

THEN WEEDS ANOTHER.

Zamboanga, June 14.

Four young Bihans, pagans of Cotabato, are dead as the result of a fight over a maiden.

Anak, Samblan and Donoc, all rich rivals, were bidding with "pang" for the hand of his pretty daughter Salicon. Mamac, with whom dame fortune had been less generous, persuaded Salicon to elope with him during the night.

The rich rivals heard of the elopement and gave chase.

The elopers were overtaken in a forest and a bloody encounter followed. Spears and bolos were used. Mamac, the one who had been lucky in love, was lucky with his bolo. He killed his three contemporaries but he himself was mortally wounded.

The following day pretty Miss Salicon was married to a rank outsider named Inuk.

CHAPLIN DIVORCE CASE.

Los Angeles, June 15.

Charlie Chaplin's divorce case has been set for trial here on August 22.

Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin, who brought the suit, alleges cruelty and other infractions of the marital code by the noted film comedian.

The present Mrs. Chaplin, formerly an actress in Chaplin films, is his second wife.

FAMOUS WAR PRISONER.

Washington, June 14.

Commodore James Clark Gildmore, U.S.N. retired, who, during the Philippine insurrection was a prisoner of Filipino troops for more than eight months, died here to-day at the age of 78.

Commodore Gildmore was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honour for his services in the Philippines. He was the last naval officer appointed to the rank of commodore, that grade now being extinct.

WET BILL TURNED DOWN.

Springfield, Ill., June 15.

The Illinois State Senate defeated the Weber-O'Grady "wet" bill which recently passed the House of Representatives.

The measure provided for a referendum on the state prohibition laws.

NOTED ARTIST'S DEATH.

New York, June 13.

Coles Phillips, American artist, died here to-day.

Coles Phillips attracted wide attention by his paintings of American girls, and was one of the best known and best paid magazine cover artists in the United States.

CHICAGO OUTRAGE.

ROBBERS SEIZE CHEMICAL PLANT.

SEARCH FOR FORMULAS.

Chicago, June 12.

To obtain valuable formulas, the secret of the Abbott Chemical Laboratory in North Chicago, armed robbers seized the plant early this morning and set up a machine gun battery with which they held the place until daylight.

The bandits, who drove up in two motor cars, overpowered two watchmen. They then ransacked the plant, blowing open two safes, and searched the offices of the company.

Three machine guns were set up at strategic points by the robbers while they worked at their task.

No money or securities were taken. From this fact, the police are convinced that the robbers were trade secrets that they were after.

PRESS EXPERTS.

A CHINESE TO JOIN GENEVA CONFERENCE.

Geneva, June 20.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has invited Mr. Koo Kung-chen, the Editor of the "Shih Pao," to be a member of Press experts' conference at Geneva on August 24.

Mr. Koo, who is touring Europe, and has made a good impression in League circles, has accepted the invitation.—Reuter.

CREAM PLUS FOURS.

OXFORD'S NEW SUMMER VOGUE.

Cream or steel-blue flannel plus fours made baggier and longer than ever, to be worn with plaid stockings reminiscent of some of the Scottish clans, and a double-breasted jacket in navy, steel, or grey flannel, which at times will be worn with knickerbockers to match, are some of the new ideas which Oxford University undergraduates are launching this term. Add to this the run on cinnamon and hazel-brown homespun and you will have some notion of how Oxford looks on a fine summer's afternoon.

Cream, dusted and self, miniature pullovers, so called because they are sleeveless, shorter, and generally more close-fitting than anything already seen on the roof courses, and that do not match the stockings, are another of these vagaries.

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DESPERATE GAMBLE.

LOSSES AT CARDS AND RACING.

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RADIO TOPICS

TELEVISION TESTED.

LONDONER SEEN AND HEARD
IN GLASGOW.

TRANSATLANTIC CINEMA NEXT.

London, May 27.
The "London Daily Mail" has successfully tested Mr. John Baird's television invention, using ordinary telephone wire.

A speaker in London was enabled to be both seen and heard in Glasgow 438 miles away. This test eclipses the 200 miles test carried out in America between New York and Washington.

Mr. Baird's experts will leave for America in a week's time in order to organize a wireless Transatlantic television test.

A previous message states that cinematograph pictures of persons moving in total darkness were successfully transmitted wirelessly by Mr. John Baird, the inventor of the television, by means of an invisible ray.

The transmission of wireless motion pictures is dependent upon the use of an intensity of light which is sufficient almost to blind the photographed person whose image is projected on the screen. It is broken up into tiny flickering particles which are wirelessly transmitted and reflected on the receiving screen where it assembles with such amazing rapidity that it deceives the human eye.

Now Mr. Baird has invented an amazing new invisible ray which enables the human eye actually to see in darkness.

Result of Six Months Experiments.

Representatives of the "Daily Mail" witnessed the demonstration, which is the first apart from the secret tests before naval, military and Air Force officials.

Mr. Baird explained that after six months' experiments he had "dispensed with a bright light by isolating and then employing the rays outside the visible spectrum of the human eye. I cannot see them, but my new television's sensitive electric eye detects them readily."

One of the "Daily Mail's" representatives sat in a totally dark room before the television's transmitting screen, beneath an enclosed electric light from which all visible rays had been filtered. The invisible rays were then used and they bathed the sitters' head and shoulders flashing them wirelessly to a receiving apparatus in another room, where a second representative saw his colleague's moving features reflected on the screen before him.

Astounding Possibilities.

This representative says that the fidelity of the image was perfect, thus accomplishing the apparent miracle of seeing a distant person who was sitting in darkness illuminated by an invisible ray.

The invention opens astonishing possibilities. It is impossible to estimate its importance in war time. The darkness that cloaks military operations no longer gives security, because it becomes feasible to follow the enemy's movement when he believes himself unobservable.

Attacking night aeroplanes will be secretly disclosed to the defender's headquarters. These will be followed by searchlights emitting invisible rays until unsuspecting pilots are lured well within the range of hidden guns or defending air scouts wirelessly controlled.

Commercial Uses.

Mr. Baird says his invisible ray is more penetrative and throws the ray further than an ordinary searchlight beam. It will penetrate a fog to a larger extent than any other beam.

Therefore it has a great significance commercially in the navigation of ships and aeroplanes and the operations of trains.

Government Tests.

I understand that from the time of the first secret tests the authorities have been secretly experimenting with Mr. Baird's invisible searchlight with a view to the possibility of applying it during war.

Mr. Baird explains that he employs visible ultra-violet rays and ultra-red rays. He claims that ultra-red rays can be focussed in the darkness to a range of twenty-five miles.

He believes that it can be used to enable airmen to land at night without flares. "Ceylon Observer."

MODERN MIRACLE.

WHAT BROADCASTING NOW
MEANS.

ALL MEN NEIGHBOURS.

"It is so difficult for me to understand what it is or to explain it that I speak with the utmost caution, but, as far as I understand it, the visible rays of light, the rays of light which we can see with our eyes, may be represented as one octave in 62, and beyond those visible rays on the one hand are the ultra-violet rays, which are produced by shorter waves, and, on the other hand, there are the infra-red rays, which are produced by longer waves," said Dr. Horton in a recent discourse on broadcasting, reported in the "Christian World Pulpit."

"All these waves move at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, and it is among these waves of light that there is discovered a wave of a certain length which makes broadcasting possible."

"You observe what a miracle it all is, that what we see is to what we cannot see as 1 to 62. We think we see; we see only 1 in 62 of the things that are there to be seen if we could see them. And it is in this mysterious, unexpected, invisible region of reality that the possibility of broadcasting has been found."

"It has been found possible to transmit messages and now voices clearly and distinctly, and it must be plain, directly we begin to consider the matter, that this portentous discovery, which in a short time will be as familiar to us as already the telegraph and the telephone are, must work a transformation in the life of the world."

"It must be a change far greater and more penetrating than the discovery of printing was or than the discovery of steam as a means of working machinery. When you can speak to a man across the Atlantic and can recognise his voice, and still more when you can talk to a man at the antipodes and recognise his voice, it means that the whole world has become a neighbourhood and all men are neighbours."

"The time is evidently coming when distance will cease to divide; the time is coming when our ideas and our knowledge will be communicated quite easily to all. The solidarity of mankind, of which we have spoken and in which we have believed in the abstract, will presently become an obvious fact. 'We are not divided, all one body we.' The barriers will be transcended and, according to the old scriptural phrase, the nations will flow together."

TALKS TO MARS.

WILL SHORT WAVES GET
THROUGH?

Wireless experts are still hopeful that one day wireless communication will be established between the earth and Mars. Professor E. V. Appleton, who, in a lecture at the Royal Institution during last week discussed the possibility, explained his views in a conversation with a reporter.

"It has often been said that wireless communication with Mars is impossible," he said, "because wireless waves would not penetrate the Heavyside layer of electricity which guides long-distance waves round the earth's curvature. But my calculations indicate that very short waves do penetrate it and if an attempt were made to get into communication with Mars, a one-metre wave-length would be the one to experiment with."

"Long wave-lengths are reflected back by the Heavyside layer. Light, which is a short wave length, gets through. At night, even a ten-metre wave length appears to get through, for we do not get it back; while in the day time, ten-metre wave lengths do just come back."

Captain P. P. Eckersley, the wireless engineer of the B.B.C., said: "Certain waves penetrate solid things, and so far as we can base our judgment on certain theories, certain waves would pierce the Heavyside layer, which is situated about 100 miles from the earth, and pass on, without having lost too much energy to travel the further millions of miles to Mars, penetrating the atmosphere."

PARIS BERLIN NEXT.

2BL WILL PUT EUROPEAN
STATIONS ON THE AIR.

CLOSED BOOK BEING OPENED.

Sydney, May 24.
Gradually the closed book of European broadcasting is being opened to Australian listeners.

Following the success of the London double re-broadcast, Broadcasters Ltd., with the operation of P.C.J.J., the Phillips experimental station, Holland, hope to put on the air shortly programmes from Radio-Paris, Voxhaus (Berlin), and Radio-Wien (Vienna)—all in the one night.

London will also be heard again before long.

Now that the London station has been successfully received here, there is no reason why Continental transmissions should not be heard by the same method of double re-broadcasting.

Radio-Paris transmits on 1760 metres; Voxhaus, on 566 and 483.9 metres; and Radio-Wien, on 577 and 517.2 metres. The date of the experiment has not yet been fixed.

The London broadcast on Saturday morning constitutes the biggest and most significant event in Australian radio history. Several weeks ago the question was asked in this page: "When will we hear a 2LO programme?" The answer came sooner than was expected. It demonstrated in a dramatic manner that wireless is still annihilating distance. It broke down the barriers of half a world of ocean and put Roseville side by side with Chelsea, London; Manchester with Middle Harbor; and Savoy Hill with Strathfield. Not, be it understood, by telegraphy, but by the great bond of common speech. If Australian listeners were able to hear London once, they can hear London again. It is just a matter of establishing and perfecting arrangements. The enormous international effect of this cannot be foretold.

Every credit is due to the Phillips experimental station, Eindhoven, for making the double re-broadcast possible. It is a tribute to Holland's radio ingenuity and far-sightedness.

What of England?

And it is regrettable that no credit is due to England. Station 2LO, London, did nothing more than send its usual programme at the usual times on the usual wave length. Is it not time that England had its own short wave station, capable of retransmitting B.B.C. programmes?

Not long ago, Captain Eckersley, chief engineer of the B.B.C., said that England was not prepared to build such a station, as it was by no means certain that programmes sent out in this way would be received in the Dominions. And while Captain Eckersley was talking, the Phillips company was acting. Probably the B.B.C. holds a different view to-day.

To Mr. Raymond Allsop, chief engineer of Broadcasters, Ltd., must be given the greatest credit for his achievement in putting the second re-broadcast on the air so successfully. His management of the technical side of 2BL, and his re-transmissions of American and Continental stations stamp him as one of Australia's outstanding radio engineers.

BEAM WIRELESS.

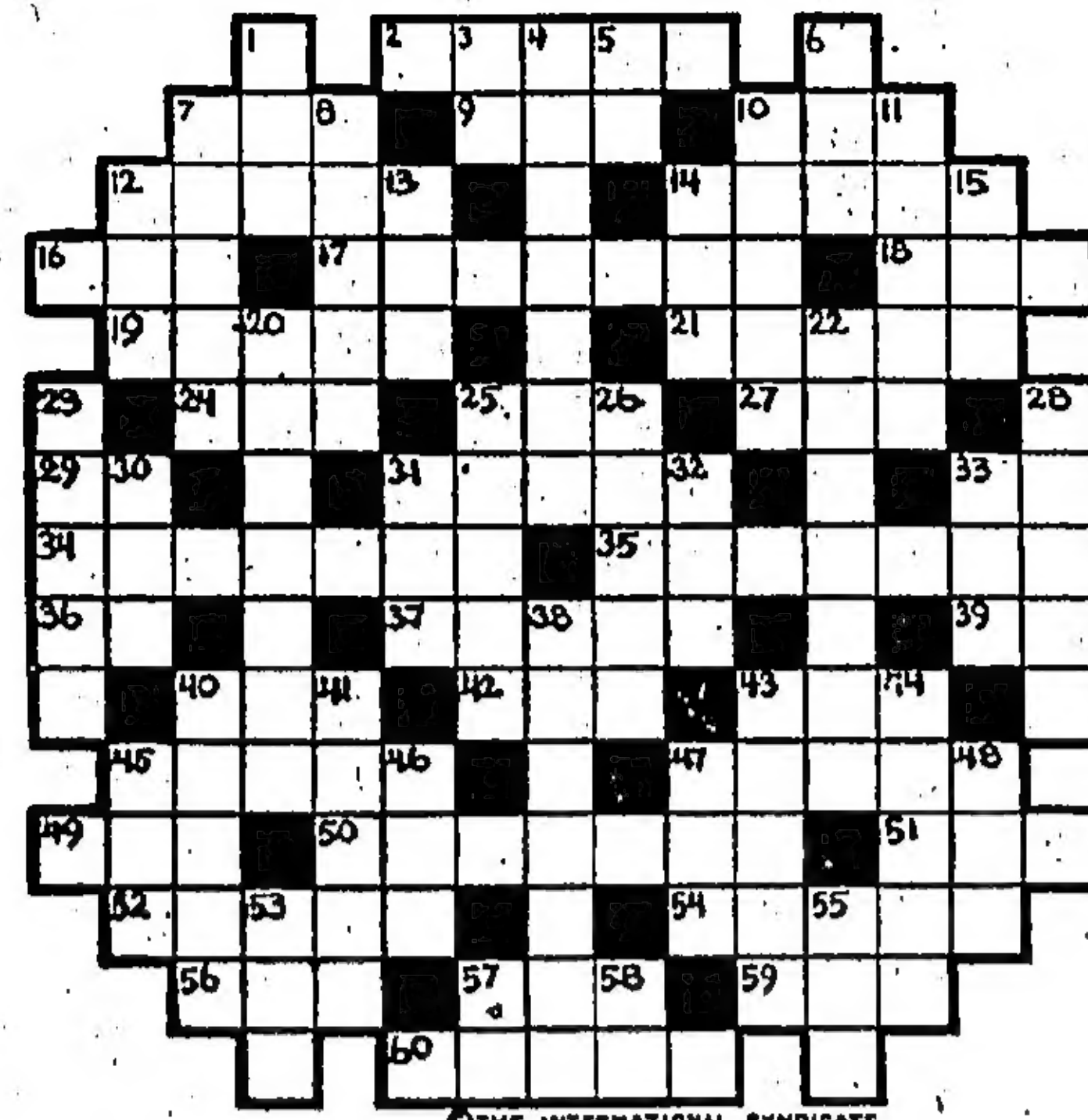
Capetown, May 10.
The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. W. Madley) stated in the Assembly to-day that the wireless contractors had experienced technical difficulties in adjusting the beam system to South African conditions. A month ago he gave them a week in which to arrange for tests, which were at present being made. Successful communication had taken place with England during the last few nights. In the event of further delay, the chief engineer was investigating with a view to providing a Government wireless station.

ing first any similar layer which may envelop that planet too.

"After all," added Capt. Eckersley, "we are already in communication with Mars by short wave length; inasmuch as we can see it."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

2-Ancient city of wickedness
7-Rarest material
9-March
10-Cushion
12-Devil
14-To quail
16-Throng
17-Partaining to topics
18-Small dog
19-Famous archer
21-Pork
24-A metal
25-Plead
27-Decay
29-Preposition
31-Motor vehicle type
33-Observe
34-Cries like a hen
35-Vicious agitation of anger
36-Country of Africa (abbr.)
37-To give greater "breadth"
38-Move on
40-Through or by
42-Angry

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

43-Abys
45-Beleagued
47-Ward off, as a blow
49-To ramble
50-Strut haughtily
51-A fish
52-Ultra-modern means of communication
54-Trick
56-Longitude (abbr.)
57-Molature
59-Mournful
60-Show given by cowboys
62-Club used by ballplayers
63-About
64-Contrived
65-At
66-Bones of mouth
7-Entire range
8-Shiny silk
10-Partaining to the Pole
11-Railway station
12-Pouch

VERTICAL (Cont.)

13-To be drowsy
14-Loomotive driver's "shelter"
15-Distance sailed
20-Preceps, as with brine
22-Pirate
23-Swift horse
25-Render dim
26-Yawned
28-Giver
30-Marker
31-Stitch
32-Girl's nickname
33-Ship's record
38-Swing loosely
40-Foot lever
41-Gum
43-European capital
44-Placed in difficulty
46-Obstacle
48-Pair
49-Church bench
49-Affirmative
53-Dowry
56-Simple song
57-Swindle
58-Pronoun

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Hawthornden, has been appointed
to the post of stationmaster
at Newburgh, L.N.E.R.A boy farmer, Glen Campbell,
who took his cow, Elapses Lad, to
the Brandon (Manitoba) Fair,
walked away with £196 in his
pocket—a record price for an
animal of its type.Harry Green (55), a coiner so
expert that his counterfeit half-
crowns had to be sent to the Mint
to be proved false, was sentenced
to three years' penal servitude at
Manchester Assizes."Steel Helmet" Day in Berlin
passed off without untoward
incident. Between 70,000 and
80,000 members of the Stahlhelm
organisation took part in the
parade and demonstration.For the first time since his
peace declaration during the general
strike a year ago, the Prime
Minister spoke from 2 LO on May
24, when he gave an Empire
Day message to the nation.A Cardiff meeting of Trade
Unionists passed a resolution
thanking the Government for the
Trade Disputes Bill, "which will
protect them against the ex-
tremists and safeguard their
benefit funds."The Rev. Father Richard
Wilson, of St. Augustine's
Church, Stepney, died aged 70.
He was known as "the hoppers'
parson" on account of the great
interest he showed in hop-pickers
for more than forty years.The three days' sale of the
famous Whawell collection of
arms and armour, conducted by
Messrs. Sothebys, London, con-
cluded on May 6, when a total of
over £33,500 was recorded. The
third day's sale produced £13,350.A Grimsby telegram says the
trawler "Moravia," belonging to
the Grimsby and East Coast
Steam Fishing Company, has
been fined 12,500 kroner (approx-
imately £700) for alleged illegal
fishing off Iceland. Her gear was
confiscated.Early and favourable action by
the Shipping Board on the re-
commendation of General Dalton
that the five passenger-cargo
vessels of the American Merchant
Line be consolidated with the
United States Line seems as-
sured, states a New York
message.The Northern Ireland Minis-
try of Commerce has given sanc-
tion to the proposal of the L.M.S.
Railway Co. running passenger
trains over the Belfast Harbour
tramways from Donegal Quay to
York Road Station, to facilitate
tourist traffic arriving by cross-
channel steamers.The engine works department
of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whit-
worth and Co., Ltd., have received
a contract from the London and
North-Eastern Railway to take
out and repair the three pairs of
90ft. entrance lock gates at
Immingham Dock. The gates
will be floated out and towed up
the Humber, about 9½ miles, to
the slipway at the Dockyard,
Hull, where the repairs will be
carried out.Admiral of the Fleet Lord
Walter Kerr died at Melbourne
Hall, Derby.At Dundalk Harbour Board the
receipts on dues and shipping for
April were £759 and payments
£428. The total tonnage was
10,203 tons.Developments at St. John, N.B.,
are increasing its importance as
a grain port, the total amount
handled in the 1926-27 season
being 21,000,000 bushels, a
million bushels above the pre-
vious highest figure.The Rev. L. H. Marner Smythe,
of Barrow-in-Furness, was in-
stituted by the Bishop to the
benefice of St. Augustine's,
Shaw Street, Liverpool, which
had been vacant since the death,
upwards of twelve months ago, of
the Rev. W. J. Adams.Major Bailey, Imperial Air-
ways, Ltd., is now at Cherbourg,
where he is discussing the estab-
lishment of a seaplane station in
the outer harbour near the Fore
des Flamands for the use of com-
mercial aircraft engaged in the
Southampton-Cherbourg service.The "Board of Trade Journal"
gives the coal output of Great
Britain for the week ended April
30 as 5,500,100 tons and the
number of wage-earners as
1,028,700. For the previous
week the output was 5,640,600
tons and the number of wage-
earners 1,025,200.The National Federation of
Iron and Steel Manufacturers
report that the number of
furnaces in blast at the end of
April was 189, a net increase of
eleven since the beginning of the
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shot, has been condemned to die be-
cause of his anti-slavery orations
by Senator Glen, who leads the
Southern cause in California, but he
escapes and goes to Julesburg,
where he becomes a Pony Express
rider.His rival for the hand of Molly
Stevens is Slade, superintendent
of the Overland Stage Company,
a notorious "bad man" who tries
to discredit Weston in the eyes of
Molly and who later makes an un-
successful attempt on his life.
Slade has arranged with Glen to
suppress the news of Lincoln's
election in order that California
may be swung over to the South-
ern side, this state being an im-
portant factor in the fight against
slavery.The story tells of the defeat of
Slade's plans by Weston's wit and
daring. Weston assists in the de-
fense of Julesburg against a band
of Indians led by a half-breed in
league with Slade. Weston wins
the girl and is later elected to pol-
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bad man; Lois Wilson is the beau-
tiful girl held captive by him; Jack
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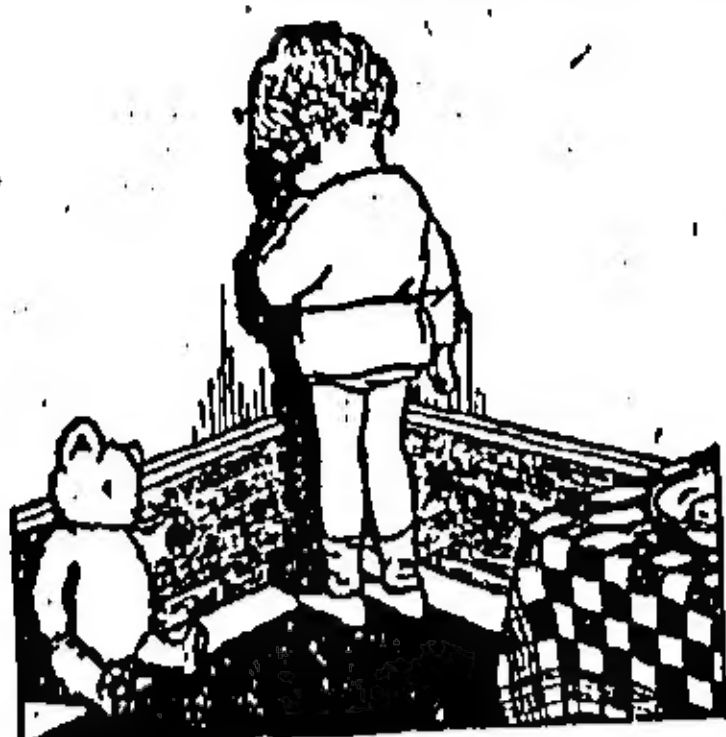
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Suez & Straits	Wednesday, June 22
Shanghai	Patroclus, Shantung, 23
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers London 26th May & Parcel London 19th May)	Macedonia, 24
Straits	Friday, June 24
Shanghai	Mantua, 27
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Asia, 27

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
Formosa	Tuesday, June 21
Saigon	Franken, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Prominent, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Hero, 3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Kwong Foon, 4 p.m.
Manila	Chungkong, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Pres. McKinley, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Livingstone, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., American & Europe via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 10th July & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters (22nd) 8.30 a.m.	Sunning, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Wednesday, June 22
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 4th July. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Empress of Russia, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Talko Wan Yi, 8.30 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Tango Maru, 9 a.m.
Japan	Menado Maru, 9 a.m.
	Hulchow, 2.30 p.m.
	Macassar Maru, 5 p.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Thursday, June 23
Straits & Bombay	Tjisalar, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Indus Maru, 10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Chinkiang, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Kutsang, 2.30 p.m.
	Van Heutz, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Friday, June 24
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Mingsang, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Macedonia, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Ha Hong, Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 22nd July. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (25th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. K.F.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (25th) 9 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Gleniffer, 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

PIONEER FLIGHT.

U.S. Planes to Fly Over Borneo.

A SURPRISE FOR THE NATIVES.

Manila, June 20. U.S. naval planes and the tender "Heron" have left Zamboanga for Sandakan on a week's cruise. The planes will fly over Borneo by arrangement between Washington and London.

It is reported that these are the first planes of any nation visiting Borneo.—Reuter.

Next Atlantic Flight.

New York, June 20. After conferring with weather experts Commander Byrd has decided not to start on his Atlantic flight before Tuesday.—Reuter's American Service.

Hawaii Flight.

Washington, June 12. The San Francisco-Hawaii flight is practicable and will be made shortly, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, hero of the New York to Paris flight, declared this morning at a breakfast given in his honour by the National Aeronautic Association.

The flier counselled caution in making the attempt, however, and warned all contestants to use more orthodox methods of navigation than those employed by him in his daring hop across the Atlantic.

"In a Pacific flight, the use of accurate methods of navigation is far more important than in the route I took across the Atlantic," he said. "I hope the system I used will not be adopted by those who try the Pacific trip. I flew by dead reckoning only. If I had wandered far off my course I could have landed in the British Isles or as far south as Spain, but such land protection is not available in the Pacific."

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Lindbergh declared that the Pacific flight should not be attempted without radio facilities for navigation, a competent navigating officer, and collapsible rubber boats.

\$1,000,000 Memorial.

Mineola Long Island, June 15. A million-dollar memorial to Colonel Lindbergh and his memorable flight is announced to-day as the goal of a committee of wealthy Nassau County residents. The committee includes Elvin Edwards as chairman, Theodore Roosevelt and H. Trubee Davidson.

The project will be formally launched during a reception to Lindbergh by residents of Nassau County on Thursday. The memorial will be erected at Roosevelt Field, Nassau County, where Lindbergh hopped off on his flight to Paris.

The money will be raised by public subscription and every effort will be made to make the memorial national and permanent.

Air Yacht's Tour.

Amsterdam, June 15. Van Lear Black, publisher of the "Baltimore Sun," left to-day in his Fokker air yacht for a trip around the world.

Accompanied by a valet, two pilots and a mechanic, the famous journalist will make his first landing in the Balkans, Near East, India and Batavia.

He expects to visit more than 15 countries and may include several cities in Australia. He intends to follow the customary routes, touching at Singapore, Port Darwin and Thursday Island.

He will fly north, landing in Manila, Shanghai and Tokyo. He predicted that travel by "air yacht" would become popular within a few years.

The Chamberlin Plane.

Berlin, June 14. The famous monoplane in which Clarence Chamberlin and Charles Levine flew from New York to Germany was threatened with seizure to-day by German courts on the complaint of Dr. Puppe declared he had represented Levine in a business deal for which he had never been paid.

After a conference between Puppe and a representative of Levine, a provisional settlement was reached.

Dallas to Hong Kong.

Dallas, Texas, June 15. Competitors for the \$25,000 Easternwood Prize must fly from Dallas to Hong Kong in 44 consecutive hours.

TO-DAY'S DOLLARS.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16

LOCKED GRILLES.

"Leung Kwong" Disaster Inquiry.

INDIAN GUARD'S EVIDENCE.

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the special coroner's jury heard further evidence in the inquiry on Mr. F. E. A. Martin (Chief Officer) and others who lost their lives as the result of the sinking of the s.s. "Leung Kwong" in Capsulmun Pass on May 9 last. Dr. Alexander Cannon, medical officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, gave evidence of holding a post mortem on May 13 on the body of a European male dressed in the uniform of an officer in the Mercantile Marine. The remains, he said, were too decomposed for him to establish the cause of death.

The No. 1 Indian Guard of the ill-fated ship was the next witness. He said that he had worked on board for 3 1/2 months prior to the sinking of the ship. It was the witness's duty to keep the keys of the grilles. On May 9 the "Leung Kwong" left her wharf on the Praya at 6.45 p.m. The witness locked the grilles fifteen minutes before the ship left the wharf. One of the grilles was situated at the top of a ladder leading from the 'tween to the upper deck. This was in three divisions and each section had a separate lock. The witness locked all these. In the after house the witness locked another grille at the top of a ladder on the 'tween deck leading down to the lower deck. This grille had a manhole large enough for one man to pass through at a time. As the ship was leaving the harbour the witness was on duty on the upper deck and another guard kept watch in the second class compartment on the 'tween deck. Four other guards were off duty in their quarters in the middle part of the upper deck. At the time of the collision the "Leung Kwong" was in Capsulmun pass between 10 to 15 paces away from the white light. Land on the other side was very far away. Just before the collision the witness heard two blasts sounded on the "Leung Kwong's" siren. The impact came immediately afterwards. When the witness felt the shock of the impact he did not know whether the ship had struck a rock or had been run into by another ship. He did not see another ship in the pass before the accident. Immediately after the collision the witness unlocked the grille on the upper deck. As soon as it was opened, passengers began to come up to the top deck. The witness then started to go down to the 'tween deck to open the other grille, but he found the 'tween deck was flooded with water, so he returned to the upper deck and reported to the Chief Officer. The latter gave orders to lower one of the lifeboats, but it could not be worked free before the water reached the level of the upper deck. "Then the ship sank and we started to swim," added the witness. After he had been some time in the water, the witness was picked up by a fishing boat.

After cross-examination of this witness, the inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

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